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LU HAN MAY SWITCH BACK TO NATIONALISTS

Lung Yun Trying To Prevent Volte-Face

DEFENCE OF TAIWAN

General Lung Yun, former Governor of Yunnan Province and now a Deputy in the new Communist People's Central Government, may leave Hong Kong today or tomorrow for Kunming.

He has been ordered there by the Communist authorities, the "China Mail" learned last night.

It is understood that he has been instructed to fly to the Yunnan capital to prevent a second coup d'etat which his nephew General Lu Han might be planning in view of the Communists' cold attitude towards his recent defection from the Nationalist camp.

General Lu Han, Governor of Yunnan Province, who defected to the Communists a week ago, is expected to stage a second coup d'etat shortly unless he is able to extricate himself and his uncle, General Lung Yun, from their current predicament.

Independent Nationalist sources said last night that General Lu Han's release of Nationalist General Chang Chun has placed his uncle in an embarrassing position with the Communists.

On the other hand, the Communist leaders have ordered General Lu to place himself and the entire province under the authority of Communist General Liu Po-chang's command.

The sources added that General Lu Han has been reprimanded by his uncle who is finding it difficult to reconcile the release of General Chang Chun with his nephew's professed change of heart.

May Undergo Another Change

To get out of his predicament, General Lu Han may undergo another change of heart and switch his affiliations and allegiance back to the Nationalist camp, the sources said.

They added that there are still four Nationalist commanders in Yunnan to whom General Lu Han may hand over authority once the second coup d'etat is carried out.

He may then proceed to the United States and leave Yunnan to be contested for by the Communists and the Nationalists.

Pro-Communist newspapers said yesterday that General Pai Chung-hsi is negotiating with the French in Indo-China for the incorporation of some of his men into the French Colonial Army.

The newspapers added that General Pai, in an attempt to save his troops trapped by the Communists near the Indo-China border, has suggested to the French that they allow the troops to cross into Indo-China as a Volunteer Army to fight the Communists.

Vernacular Press reports from Chengtu said the city is still in Nationalist hands. The city is calm and quiet and shops have begun to reopen for business.

The situation outside the city is not clear.

Communist troops have bypassed Chengtu in an efforts to encircle and eliminate Nationalist forces on a large scale, according to a United Press report from Hoihow.

A telephone call from Chengtu revealed that many Nationalist Government personnel are still in the beleaguered city. General Hsieh Yueh, former Governor of Kwangtung, has not yet accepted his appointment as defence commander in Hainan.

Defence Of Taiwan

Diplomatic sources in Taipeh disclosed yesterday that the United States approached Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek on the defence of Taiwan before Chiang went to Chungking last month, Associated Press reports from Taipeh.

Chiang is understood to have promised fullest co-operation if outstanding Americans were sent here from the States to help them plan the defence. Official sources contacted today, however, would not confirm this.

There are growing indications that both Nationalist leaders and Taiwan provincial authorities are making sweeping reforms to try to earn United States aid.

Reliable sources said further political reforms will be announced soon. This includes broadening the provincial council from 15 members to 23, most of whom would be native Taiwanese.

A clear-cut division between provincial and Nationalist responsibility is being worked out.

Chiang has insisted the Nationalist Government must be simplified. Many of the ministries and offices would be merged or abolished.

Premier Yen Hsi-shan trimmed Nationalist Government personnel drastically at Chungking, just before that city fell to the Reds. Then in Chengtu, last mainland capital, he lopped off hundreds of others. At one time in Nanking, 100,000 persons were on the Government payroll.

Except for foreign affairs and national defence under the South East command, which has headquarters on Taiwan, the Provincial Government would have full power over operations.

Rumours were rife that K C Wu, American-educated former Mayor of Shanghai, would be named the new Governor of Taiwan.

Pai's Troops Disarmed In Indo-China

Saigon, December 14.

Several thousand Chinese Nationalists belonging to General Pai Chung-hsi's Kwangsi army entered Vietnam territory today in the Longsong region of the Chinese Tongking frontier and were disarmed and interned.

No incidents were reported. French official quarters said the fleeing Nationalists would be treated in accordance with the joint instructions given by the French High Commissioner, M. Leon Pignon, and ex Emperor Bao Dai, Vietnam chief of state, and in accordance with the international convention on the right of asylum of defeated and expatriated troops.—Reuter.

Blockade Runners Active Again

The lull along the North China blockade front has evidently encouraged local shippers to resume business for five vessels cleared port for Swatow, Tsingtao, Dairen and Amoy yesterday.

The blockade running fleet includes the British coasters Leong Bee (Swatow), Newchwang (Tsingtao) and Sing Hing (Amoy), the Russian steamer Tomsk (Dairen) and the Panamanian freighter Eastern Trader (Tsingtao).

The Greek steamer Armathia, which was detained by the Nationalist Navy for attempting to sneak into Shanghai waters recently, cleared for Takao. A report that she may call at Communist ports in North China could not be confirmed officially.

Yesterday saw two blockade runners returning without incident from Swatow and Amoy. The British coaster Cloverlock called at Amoy for less than 15 hours, arriving at night and leaving by daylight. She brought fresh fruits and vegetables.

The Panamanian freighter Barolahn arrived from Swatow with the first batch of foreigners permitted to leave the city by the Communist Government.

There were about a dozen Chinese passengers.

The Weather

At 0000 GMT (8 p.m. HKST) the typhoon was becoming an extra tropical depression moving rapidly North Eastwards to the SE coast of Japan. Pressure is relatively high over China. The anticyclone is covering the N Pacific.

Today's Forecast:—Moderate or fresh NE or E winds. Cloudy with patches of drizzle or light rain, mainly at night.

Yesterday's Weather:—

Maximum: 68.2 deg. Fah.
Minimum: 61.8 deg. Fah.
Sunshine: Nil.
Rainfall: 0.7 mm.=0.3 in. Total since Jan. 1—2004.8 mm.=82.45 ins. as against an average of 2125.0 mm.=83.60 ins.

	Readings at: 10 a.m.	4 p.m.
Baro. adj. m.s.l.	1019.1	1018.7 m.b.
	Equals	30.09	29.99 inches.
Rel. Humidity	74	80 %
Dew Point	56	57 deg. F.
Wind Direction	ENE	E by N
Wind Force	2	11 knots.
Tides:—	Time	Ht.
High	0446	8.7
	1751	6.7
Low	1116	2.3

Dutch Ship Explodes; 10 Missing

Miami, Florida, December 14.

Eight persons who survived the explosion and sinking of the Dutch motorship Doros were picked up from a lifeboat by a passing tanker today, and a search was underway for six others of the 24-man crew.

Ten crewmen apparently died in the explosion.

The group of six were believed to be in another lifeboat, being tossed about by rough seas 300 miles East of here where the 990-ton Doros exploded at 10.45 a.m.

The eight saved men, including the Chief Engineer of the Dutch vessel and one man suffering from second degree burns, were picked up by the tanker Sparrows Point.

The Chief Engineer of the Doros told the Coast Guard here by radio from the Sparrow's Point that the six men in the other lifeboat were headed in the direction of the small island of San Salvador.

Ten Believed Killed

The Chief Engineer reported that he was almost certain that eight members of the crew, including the Captain, and possibly two others were killed aboard the Dutch vessel.

The Coast Guard has despatched the cutter Mocoma from Miami and planned to send two amphibious planes from Miami and the Macdill air force base, Tampa, Florida, to the area to search for the remaining survivors.

Mr. L.R. Deutekom, general manager of the Royal Netherlands Steamship Company, owners of the Doros, said the vessel was carrying general cargo from New York to Port Au Prince, Haiti. All of the crew members, he reported were natives of the Netherlands or the Dutch island of Curacao.

The Coast Guard announced later that one of its search planes sighted the Dutch motor ship Doros "afloat and burning."

The Coast Guard said the hulk was seen "about 30 miles from the spot where the first survivors were picked up "roughly 300 to 350 miles east of Miami." — United Press.

Far East Air Chief Visits HK

Air Marshal F. J. Fogarty, RAF C-in-C in the Far East, is shown (left) crossing the harbour in a launch after his arrival at Kai Tak from Singapore yesterday. With him are Lieutenant-General Sir E. C. Robert Mansergh, Hong Kong GOC-in-C (right), and Air Commodore A. D. Davis (centre). ("China Mail" Photo).

Peking Radio Charge On KMT Scheme For Indo-China

San Francisco, December 14.

The Nationalists and the French authorities in Indo-China are now working on a scheme to "move what was left of the Kuomintang forces after the recent large-scale annihilation campaign on the Kwangtung-Kwangsi border into Vietnam," Peking radio said today.

According to the broadcast, the Nationalist troops are to serve as "volunteers for Vietnam" as soon as they cross the border.

This was revealed in General Pai Chung-hsi's order to his generals captured on December 8 by the Communist forces, the radio alleged.

The broadcast continued: "According to the plan of warlord Pai Chung-hsi and General Hsia Wei, the badly mauled Kuomintang 14th, 17th and 71st armies, comprising 10,000 men, are to enter Vietnam at a point North of Langson, a railway town North East of Hanoi. They will fight in co-ordination with the French colonial army against the Vietnam people's liberation army. As a camouflage, the Kuomintang will come under the command of the puppet Bao Dai government.

"If things get worse for the Kuomintang forces in Vietnam, they are to leave Vietnam via Haiphong for Hainan Island, according to the plan.

"Pai Chung-hsi's order says that in order to preserve the Kuomintang forces, "we have to organise ourselves into a volunteer army for Vietnam." The order continues: 'Politically, we are to support Bao Dai, and militarily we are to co-operate with the French army. The aim is to find the main forces of Ho Chi-minh and crush them.

"'If the enemy (Chinese people's liberation army) follows us into Vietnam, then it will be a complex international question. It will be favourable to us, because the United States will not simply sit back and look on."

Soong's Trip

"That is part of a plan cooked up for some time to preserve the Kuomintang remnant armies," the radio said. "As early as last May, T. V. Soong went to France, ostensibly to recuperate. But in reality, he was buying arms and negotiating with Western European governments to let the Kuomintang army flee into Vietnam and other countries in case the people's army drove into South China. They planed to transform the China-Vietnam and the China-Burma borders into a so-called 'anti-Communist base' on the mainland of Asia.

"After the liberation of Canton, the Kuomintang Kwangtung and Kwangsi warlords sent a secret emissary to Vietnam where he made an agreement with the French authorities to move the defeated Kuomintang forces into Vietnam as 'volunteers for Vietnam.'

"Immediately afterwards the Kwangsi clique despatched Cheng Szu-yuan to Macao where he negotiated with the French representative. It was decided that when the Kuomintang troops fled into Vietnam, they would fight in co-ordination with the French army against the people's liberation army of Vietnam," the broadcast declared.—United Press.

Seven Hurt As Trams Collide

Seven persons were injured, two of them seriously, when two tram cars travelling toward Shaukiwan collided near Tin Lok Lane at 9 o'clock last night.

The injured, all passengers aboard the trams, were rushed to Queen Mary Hospital by two ambulances from the Central Fire Brigade Department.

The cause of the accident could not be ascertained last night but it was believed that among the injured were the conductor and the gate-man.

The seriously injured were given as Chan Mo-ching, 20-year-old woman, residing at 341 Hennessy Road, second floor, suffering from head injuries; and Lau Ting, gate-man No. 680, of 212 Wanchai Road, second floor, suffering from face injuries.

The five others were: Miss Fung Foon, aged 20, 9 Morrison Hill Road, first floor; Chang Kwok, aged 49, 115 Spring Garden Lane, ground floor; Miss Lam Lai, aged 26, residing at an unnumbered hut in Tai Hang; Chu Wing-ming, aged 27, Kowloon City; and Chang Siu-tong, aged 26, believed to be the conductor.

THE KING'S 54th BIRTHDAY

London, December 14.

Greetings from Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh in Malta were among the messages from all parts of the British Empire which reached King George on his 54th birthday today.

The King was keeping the anniversary, according to custom as "a family occasion".

The only official recording of the event was the flying of flags over public buildings and the firing of a 41 gun salute at Hyde Park, London. The King's official birthday is in June.—Reuter.

AMENDMENTS PASSED AT REFORM CLUB MEETING

A proposal by Mr. Charles Loseby opposing the adoption of the 13-point platform of the Reform Club of Hong Kong was turned down by a large majority at the general meeting of the Club held at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden yesterday.

The meeting which was presided over by Mr. B. A. Bernacchi was called to discuss amendments to the platform, all of which, with the exception of one, were passed.

The amendments passed were:

(1) Recovery of military and naval land in Central Victoria for civil use and creation of civic site purchase fund from proceeds of sale to private purchasers of part of land recovered; any land not sold to be devoted to public uses.

(2) Provision of sufficient urban parks, recreational and/or playground areas, adequately spaced and staffed for the special needs of the congested urban population, funds to be drawn from the above-mentioned civic site purchase fund.

(3) Abolition of monopolies or restriction of their profits where advantageous to the public interest, whether the monopoly is in private hands or is held by Government.

(4) Increase of hospital in-patient and out-patient accommodations up to definite figures of beds (in-patients) and capacity a day (out-patients) to 1,000 of population. Figures to be determined by an ad hoc committee of legislators and representatives of Medical Department.

(5) Immediate provision of a cost of living index, a retail price index and a wholesale price index, as being essential to effective modern administration.

(6) Full public investigation of alleged corruptions in Government departments, if and when arising, such investigations to be conducted in each case by a committee on which private business and/or private professional interests are represented.

(7) Adequate pensions for locally raised troops injured on duty and for dependents of same killed on duty either during the last war or subsequently.

The first five amendments were proposed by Mr. G. S. Kennedy-Skipton and seconded by Mr. Bernard F. Warman. The sixth and seventh were proposed by Mr. Warman and seconded by Mr. Kennedy-Skipton.

Business Tax

A proposal, made by Mr. Kennedy-Skipton and seconded by Mr. Warman, which was turned down by the casting vote of the Chairman, was that a business tax, with means of collection adequately organised and staffed to assure payment, be introduced.

A proposal sent in by Mr. Harold Bruce without a seconder, that the head tax proposal should be expunged and in its place there should be a stamp fee on identity cards, renewable yearly, and graduated tax on immigration, was adopted by the meeting after it was seconded by Mr. Marcus da Silva.

Speaking in support of the amendments proposed or seconded by him Mr. Kennedy-Skipton said they served to make items in the platform more specific, as for instance in the proposal of more hospital accommodation and medical treatment, where it was necessary to specify the number instead of just saying more.

On the question of monopolies he thought a restriction of their profits was only fair. The Yaumati Ferry Company, for instance had to pay a royalty for their monopoly, and he thought the same should apply to other operators of monopolies, like the Star Ferry Company.

Mr. Loseby, opposing the motion, criticised the platform as being unrealistic, impracticable, lacking in backbone, and contrary to the pledge he gave when he was Chairman, which was that the Reform Club had come into being to help the Government and not to embarrass it.

Some of the proposals in the platform contemplated expenditure which would bring taxation to the level of that of Great Britain, would paralyse industry and would raise the cost of existence out of all proportion to benefits obtained.

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London Powermen's Strike

London, December 14.

Britons carried candles to work today as insurance against a sudden blackout from the London electricity powermen's strike and the government is faced with the possibility of a new national emergency.

Ministers feared that the strike might extend to the country generally and paralyse the nation's electricity grid, which provides the power for Britain's industrial production—including the export effort.

If the unofficial stoppage becames general, the Cabinet will advise the King to declare a state of national emergency, well-informed quarters predicted today. To London's working millions, the strike, ranked only as an unwelcome complication of Christmas preparations. For the moment it affects only 3,000 men at four London power stations—including Barking, Europe's biggest.

But to the government the stoppage had a graver significance. Less than three years ago a national electricity shutdown caused by fuel shortage during an exceptional "freeze up" cost Britain £100,000,000 within a month through lost production.—Reuter.

U.S. GENERALS IN SINGAPORE

Singapore, December 14.

Lieutenant-General George Stratemeyer, United States Far East air force commander, and Major-General Charles Willoughby, intelligence chief in Tokyo, arrived here yesterday to confer with British military leaders, presumably on a co-ordinated South East Asia policy against the Communists.

It was believed here the two American generals were here as a result of the recent visit to General Douglas MacArthur by the British Commissioner General for South East Asia, Mr. Malcolm Macdonald.—United Press.

Indonesian Constitution Signed

Batavia, December 14.

Representatives of 16 Indonesian states and territories signed tonight a Constitution which will join them in an independent United States of Indonesia, sovereign though linked with the Dutch Crown.

The Constitution becomes effective the moment the Netherlands transfers sovereignty, probably on December 27, surrendering the fabulously rich islands after 300 years of Dutch rule.

Within two weeks, the Constitution probably will become the supreme law of a new nation of 77,000,000 people in the South West Pacific.

Federal State

The Constitution sets up a federal state patterned after European democracies. Government power will be exercised by the President and his Ministers, along with a House of Representatives and a Senate.

The Constitution calls for the selection of a President by deputies from each of the 16 states. An electoral body already has been formed and is to pick the Chief of State on Saturday at Jogjakarta, Java. The President will choose three Cabinet members who, in turn, will select three others. The Government, in abbreviated form, is to accept sovereignty on December 27 and go ahead later with formation of the Senate, House and other organs of government.—Associated Press.

Death Of Airlines Men Confirmed

The vernacular "New Life Evening Post" yesterday, quoting a private report from Peking, confirmed the deaths of Mr. C. Y. Liu, General Manager of the China National Aviation Corporation, and Mr. Chan Chéok-lam, General-Manager of the Central Air Transportation Corporation.

Both men were previously reported to have been killed when a Convair aircraft which was taking them to Lanchow, crashed near Lanchow.

In the meantime a local source closely connected with the men's families said that since both General-Managers left for the North no letter has been received by their dependents here.

However, an official spokesman of the pro-Communist elements of CNAC yesterday insisted on saying that the men were very much alive as numerous telegrams have been received by the local CNAC and CATC since their Northward trip.

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Segregation In A Cinema

Sirs,—You'll gasp—You'll wince—You'll shudder. But you won't take your eyes off the screen. A picture that answers all the questions about facts of life. Segregated Audience by Order (High School age and over)!!! So it is said in a local theatre advertisement.

Will somebody kindly enlighten me by whose order the audience is to be segregated, and for what reason segregation is ordered? If the responsible authorities are of the opinion that this picture reveals the true facts of life in such a way as is likely to incite misbehaviour or cause embarrassment among a mixed adult audience, then the picture should never be allowed to be shown to the public. If it is likely to incite misbehaviour, then damage will have been done when a person leaves the theatre. If it is likely to cause embarrassment, then the embarrassment remains whenever one discusses the picture in a mixed company or is known to the opposite sex to have seen the picture.

I think many will agree with me that the most important object in sex education is that men and women should be taught the correct attitude towards sex and to think of the true facts of life as a subject worthy of study and not to regard it as a sort of profanity.

By ordering the segregation, the authorities have added a mysterious effect to the story of the actual facts of life, and have thus defeated the object which sex-educationalists have been striving hard to achieve; and consequently rendered the picture meaningless and nothing short of profanity.

A. Y. C.

Unlawful Possession Of Arms

Emphasising that the public must be protected against armed robbery, Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday imposed the maximum sentence of three years' hard labour on Yau Yau, travelling trader, charged with unlawful possession of a Luger and a Browning pistol and 24 rounds of ammunition.

Detective Sub-Inspector H. Tyler prosecuting said that acting on information received he went to the first floor of Tai Nam Street on Monday and waited. Half an hour later defendant and four other men came in.

After being questioned, defendant admitted that he had in his possession two pistols and the ammunition which were found concealed in a bag of shavings. Defendant told the police that he got them in Shumchun from the Nationalists when the Communists took over and that he was offering them for sale.

Defendant was also ordered to be deported for life after serving his term.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH

A verdict of accidental death was returned by a jury of two men and a woman at Central yesterday when the continued hearing of an inquest into the death of an amah was held before Mr. A. D. Scholes.

The amah, Lam Shau-chun, according to Traffic Inspector M. Clark, who conducted the inquiry, was knocked down by a car driven by G. W. Paterson of Taikoo Docks on the night of November 11 near the National Lacquer Paint Company. At the time of the accident it was drizzling.

RICE RATIONING

During the rationing period from December 16 to 20 inclusive, in addition to Al ordinary broken rice being issued at one catty person at 45 cents a catty, an issue of glutinous rice will at the same time be made at one catty a person at 57 cents a catty.

The drawing of either or both rations is optional.

Mrs. R. R. Todd, wife of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, distributing prizes at Belilios Girls' School yesterday. On her left are the Principal of the School and Mr. Todd. ("China Mail" photo).

Belilios Public School Prize-Giving Day

"The mere absorption of knowledge—in the way that water is absorbed by a sponge—is not true education. It is the process of developing your mental powers and learning how to think for yourselves, so that you can benefit from experience."

So said Mr. R. R. Todd, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, at the Belilios Public School's Annual Speech and Prize-Giving Day yesterday.

Mr. T. R. Rowell, Director of Education, in the opening speech, welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Todd and the parents, former students of the school and friends.

Mr. Rowell added that he had accompanied Mr. Frisby, the Director of Education of Singapore, on a round of the school some time ago and Mr. Frisby had been very impressed with the school and the neat and healthy appearance of the girls.

After the Principal of the School, Miss E.G. Stephen had read her report of the School's progress for the year, prizes were distributed by Mrs. Todd, at the conclusion of which Mrs. Todd was presented with a bouquet of red and yellow lilies by Miss Ng Ka-lin, a student of the School.

In addressing the gathering, Mr. Todd compared present-day education to that of 60 years ago when the Belilios Public School first started. Then the School had 20 pupils as compared with the enrolment of over 600 today.

In the 60's education consisted of only the three "R"s,—Reading Writing and Arithmetic—but now "true education is also the development of your character, so that you will always play the game, realise that you are only one unit of a complex society and in due course take your rightful place as a citizen."

Most Worthwhile Prize

In conclusion, Mr. Todd consoled those who failed to win prizes saying that as each of them the students) grow older they would realise that each and every one could not grasp the glittering prizes that the world offers, but, if they achieved happiness they would have achieved the most worthwhile prize of all.

Mr. Todd also asked that the students be granted an extra holiday, to which Mr. Rowell readily agreed, and Miss Stephen was asked to set a suitable day.

In her Annual Report, Miss Stephen said that the most important innovation during the past scholastic year, was the celebration of Parents' Day with an exhibition of work and a concert by the students at the Easter Term, for the benefit of their parents.

Miss Stephen also mentioned that the school building had been redecorated and fans installed and earlier in the year the sports ground, which included netball and basketball courts, had been completed.

Senior 1: School Leaving Certificate and prize (English, History, Domestic Science and Mathematics) Betty Ng; School Leaving Certificate and prize Domestic Science) Leung May-hing; School Leaving Certificate and prize (General subjects) Chan Yee-chun; School Leaving Certificate and prize (Chinese) Ho Suk-kwan; School Leaving Certificate and prize (Mathematics) Cheng Shook-yue; School Leaving Certificate and prize (General subjects) Lam Sook-yin.

School Leaving Certificate: Li Yuet-kwan, Chan Man-yuen, Lam Sook-ching, Chow Shook-yin, Yuen Yuk-chai, Wu Hung-ngar and Tong Yuen-ling.

Senior 2: Government Internal Scholarship 1st prize Betty Ng; Woo Hay Tong Scholarship 2nd prize Lee Mo-tong.

Senior 1: First prize Ng Yuk-lin.

Senior 1: Government Internal Scholarship and 2nd prize Mak Kon-ching; Government Internal Scholarship and 3rd prize Lam Chiu-ha; Woo Hay Tong Scholarship and 4th prize Mak Kuen-yee; Woo Hay Tong Scholarship Shum Kwai-fun; Woo Hay Tong Scholarship Lam Siu-kuen.

Junior 3: Woo Hay Tong Scholarship and 1st prize Chin Lai-king; Government External Scholarship and 2nd prize Poon Lai-ha; Government External Scholarship and 3rd prize Cheng Wai-bun; Fourth prize Chan Pik-yee; Government External Scholarship; Wong Tim-chuen; Government External Scholarship Chow Foon-suit; Woo Hay Tong Scholarship Chan Joy-yin.

Junior 2: First prize Tsoe Pui-kuen; Government Internal Scholarship and 2nd prize Lau Mei-yung; Government Internal Scholarship and 3rd prize Wai Mei-han; Woo Hay Tong Scholarships Yu Yan-chu and Ng Kwai-fong.

Junior 1: First prize So Po-lin; Second prize Hung Chee; Government Internal Scholarship and 3rd prize Leung Sin-kwai; Fourth prize Chiu Sui-yee; Government Internal Scholarship Cheung Chor-wah; Woo Hay Tong Scholarships Tong Kiok and Au Kam-yim.

Primary 5: Government External Scholarship and 1st prize Lo Cheuk-fan; Government External Scholarship and 1st prize Siu Kit-ha; 3rd prize Lee Chun-auen; Woo Hay Tong Scholarship and 4th prize Lee Lai-kuen; Woo Hay Tong Scholarship Lau Tip-yee.

Primary 5: Government Internal Scholarship and 1st prize Sin So-ling; Government Internal Scholarship and 2nd prize To Yee-lo; Third prize Tang Shuk-chau; Fourth prize Lau Pik-cheung.

Primary 4: First prize Lin Wai-fun; Government Internal Scholarship and 2nd prize Ho Pak-mei; Government Internal Scholarship and 3rd prize Yu Sun-sang; Fourth prize Chan Chee-fan.

Primary 3: Government Internal Scholarship and 1st prize Lau Mo-yung; Second prize Helen Au; Third prize Chan Pui-kwan.

Primary 2: Government Internal Scholarship and 1st prize Fung Wan-yu; Second prize Li Lai-ying; Third prize Chan Siu-lan.

Sir Man Kam and Lady Lo's special prize for the Head Girl: Helen Ching, Senior 3.

Mr. R.R. Todd and Mrs. Todd's special prizes for Spoken English: Junior Division, Ho Mo-fun; Primary Division: Leo Lai-kuen.

FISH PRICES

Fresh fish average prices realised at the Hong Kong Fish Wholesale Market, Kennedy Town, yesterday were:—

	First quality price a catty	Average price a catty
Yellow Croaker	$1.98	1.97
Mud Grouper	2.00	2.55
Snapper	1.50	1.52
White Pomfret (large)	3.20	3.05
White Pomfret (small)	2.81	2.40
Macao Sole (large)	2.00	1.80
Macao Sole (small)	1.41	1.52
Head Grout	1.31	1.50
Goatee Fish	1.70	1.05
Hair Tail	1.47	1.10

Personalia

Mr. B. J. Surridge, OBE, the Colonial Adviser on Co-operatives arrived here from Singapore yesterday in a British Overseas Airways aircraft. He was met by Mr. Austin Coates of the Colonial Secretary's Office. Mr. Surridge who will be here for about 10 days will inspect the local vegetable and fishery co-operatives.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday included Mr. and Mrs. U Ba Sien, Mr. and Mrs. J. Guna-Kasem, Miss C. Beck, Wing-Commander and Mrs. W. A. Nel, Messrs. J. Grenfield, M. C. Halton, Suthee Dongmainam, R. Y. Holdworth, E. Straughier, A. D. Bennett, L. S. Balliett and L. Cabot.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. J. Crichton, Mrs. H. D. Kight, Mr. and Mrs. E. Pond, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McIntire, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Silver, Messrs. L. H. Randall, C. H. Kim, H. B. Williamson, T. T. Shields, J. T. Cremer, W. G. H. Garman, R. Swanson and S. L. Dance.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Dyhmael, Messrs. R. C. Soclet, David Odell and Lu Cau left Hong Kong for Saigon yesterday by Air France.

Mr. W. T. Goodwin, Vice-President in charge of the Far Eastern Division of the American President Lines, returned to the Colony yesterday from an extended business trip, which included the Malay states, Ceylon, India and Pakistan.

Departures for Yokohama yesterday by BOAC included: Mrs. von Langeveld, Mr. K. C. Yam, Mr. N. S. Douck, Mrs. J. M. Kight, Lt. Col. C. C. Faith, Mrs. B. W. Faith, Mr. H. B. Williamson, Mr. A. O. Dehli, Miss M. E. Daly, Mr. F. M. Johnstone, Mrs. Woo Yuet-Ngan, Mr. Harbans Singh, Dr. W. H. Chisholm, Mr. L. H. George and Mrs. F. A. George.

TAA Planes Attempt To Reach Kunming

Two Trans Asiatic Airlines' aircraft left here early yesterday morning in an attempt to land at Kunming.

They returned here at about 3.30 p.m. after being turned back due to bad weather.

According to one of the pilots, the aircraft was approaching Kunming when the weather became bad and in the meantime the aircraft failed to contact Kunming by the radio.

The aircraft piloted by Captains D. D. Garden and M. W. Shaver, had no passenger, according to the manifests.

However, one Chinese passenger was seen on one of the two planes.

The Chinese who said that his name was Chou Pei-shen told the "China Mail" he was travelling with the aircraft to bring somebody here from Kunming.

He further said that both planes were chartered by the Chinese Ministry of Communications.

According to an official of TAA both planes were chartered by Chinese agents. Prior to their departure from the Colony permission to land the planes at Kunming was obtained by TAA from Kunming through regular telegraphic communications.

MOTOR-CYCLIST HURT IN COLLISION WITH BUS

A motor-cyclist while riding his motor-cycle No. 428 Southwards along Nathan Road, was knocked down by a route No. 5 bus near the junction of Argyle Street at 2 p.m. yesterday.

The man sustained head injuries and was sent to the Kowloon Hospital for treatment by an ambulance.

According to the driver of the bus, Tao Keung, the motor-cycle, when near Argyle Street, attempted to overtake him and turned left colliding with the bus.

The rear wheel of the motor-cycle was crushed under the bus.

New Cheero Club For Servicemen Formally Opened

Servicemen can now buy their tea and drink it in one of the most luxurious clubs in the Colony, and pay only ten cents.

Last night a newly-constructed Servicemen's Centre, the Cheero Club, was formally opened at Murray Parade Ground.

More than 250 servicemen, representing all branches, inspected their new neon-lighted club last night, and played billiards, or listened to the wireless while seated in comfortable lounge chairs.

The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham in his opening address, told the servicemen that the Colonial Government had, in addition to supplying funds for the new Centre, allotted an additional HK$25,000 for the Services Welfare.

He added that this contribution was given as a token of appreciation for what the Services were doing for the Colony.

In addition to providing inexpensive meals and snacks, the new Centre has a bar, a recreation room, a reading and writing room and provides free hot showers.

More than 50 New Territories servicemen will be allowed to sleep at the Centre each night when they are on short leave.

Various Branches of the Services will be allowed to use the Centre for special dances and recreation programmes, and aside from the Compradore's service and his hired staff, other work will be done by women volunteers.

Purpose Of Centres

The chairman of the Forces Civilian Entertainment and Welfare Committee, Mr. D. Benson, said that one of the main purposes of establishing Centres such as the Cheero Club was to provide surroundings where the serviceman could meet civilians, and buy amenities at prices he could afford to pay.

He added that the total cost of remodelling and equipping the Nine Dragons Club in Kowloon, and the cost of building the Cheero Club has been borne by the Government.

He said: "We realise that these Clubs will have to be subsidised, and I am pleased to say that we have had most generous financial support from the public, who also contributed gifts and useful advice."

Mr. Benson said that the trustees of the old Cheero Club had donated HK$18,000, towards furnishing the new Cheero Club.

High officials of the Army, Navy and Royal Air Force attended the opening last night, and the Hong Kong GOC-in-C, Lieutenant-General Sir E.C. Robert-Mantergh, thanked the Governor on behalf of all three services.

The Centre will be open seven days a week, from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.

SINO-BRITISH CLUB LECTURE

The Excavation of an imperial tomb in Chengtu, West China, conducted by Dr. Cheng Te-k'un and his colleagues will be the topic of a lecture tomorrow under the auspices of the Sino-British Club.

The tomb was the resting place of Emperor Kao-tsu of Shu, who died in 918 AD. The excavation throws much light on the development of Chinese culture, as it reveals not only a wealth of artistic objects in bronze, jade, silver, stone and other material, but also the imperial system which had been kept a secret throughout the centuries.

The lecture given by Dr. Cheng himself will be amply illustrated with pictures projected on the screen. It will start promptly at 5:30 p.m. in the lecture hall of the Public Relations Office, Statue Square.

FORTHCOMING WEDDING

The forthcoming wedding has been announced of Per Elvind Kivle, missionary, of 33 Granville Road, and Miss Torveig Vestol, teacher, en route from Norway.

Viv Garton Leaving On Retirement

One of the Colony's most popular and well-known radio and stage personalities, Viv Garton, is returning with his wife to Australia on retirement from Government service. Mr. Garton has booked on the mv. 'Aros' which leaves Hong Kong on Christmas Day.

Mr. Garton, the son of the late E. Skelton-Garton, an architect of New South Wales, arrived in the Far East in 1929. Previous to his arrival in China, Viv was sent by the Commonwealth Government to New Guinea on a special mission connected with copra plantations and prepared illustrations for the 1931 year book of British New Guinea. Arriving in Shanghai, Mr. Garton joined H. Killam Murphy, an American architect who was then advisor to the Chinese Government.

In 1935, Viv joined the Architectural Office of the Public Works Department in Hong Kong, and has been with the Government since.

Hong Kong knows Viv best as a stage player and Radio artiste. With much show experience earned some years back, when Viv was with various stage companies in the British Isles, he has given generously of his ability and talent to entertainment in Hong Kong.

Stanleyites will remember Viv for his activities as actor, playwright and producer during those dim days when a laugh meant a good deal and Viv was always generous with it. Coming out of Stanley, Viv lent his talent to Radio Hong Kong and took part in the weekly feature "Film Highlights," a half hour enjoyed by listeners of Radio Hong Kong (then ZBW) for some two months.

Radio work, like the stage, was nothing new to Viv when he came to the Hong Kong microphone. Viv had dabbled in radio business in his native Australia before his adventure to the Far East.

His radio talent was acknowledged again when Rediffusion came to the Colony. Viv joined Rediffusion on its "first night." He was featured in a popular Saturday night half-hour programme, written and produced by himself, "Laughter on Record."

When it comes to the local stage Viv is again a personality. His three performances for the Stage Club were as Dr. Livesy in "Treasure Island" (produced by Father Sheridan), the old school-tie school master in "The Guinea Pig" (Philippa Coombe), and as Arthur in "A Quiet Weekend" (Derek Orchard)—all Stage Club successes.

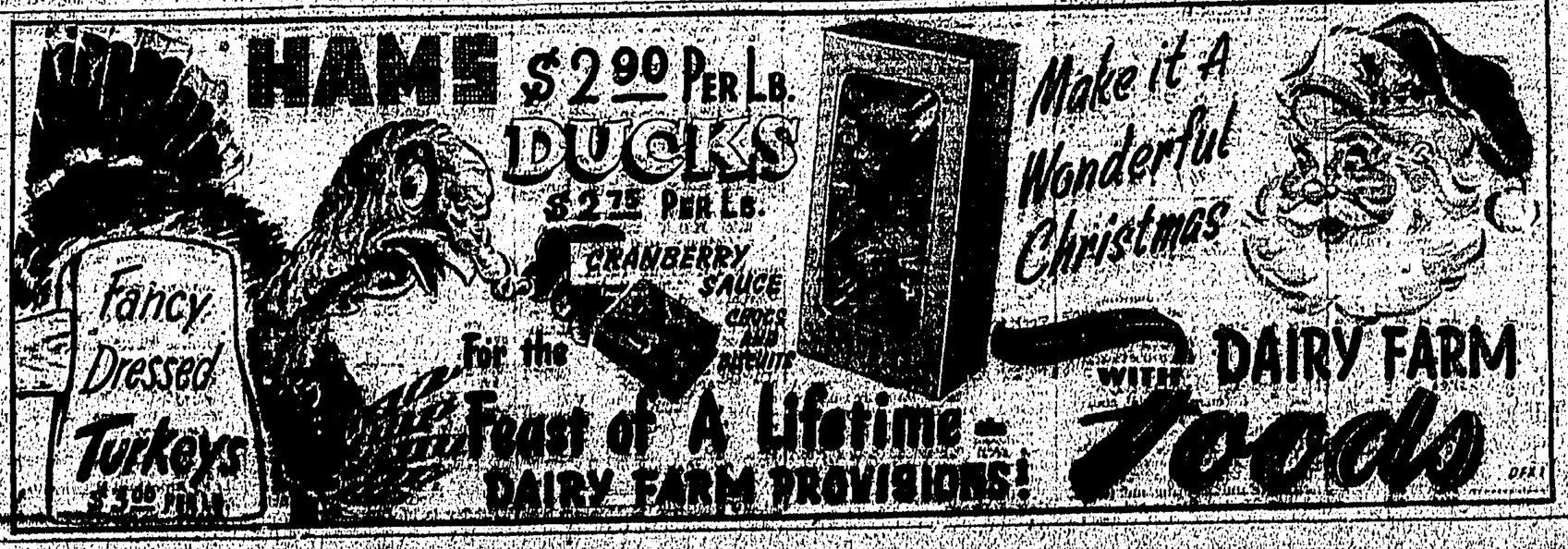
Viv says that he is returning to Australia on retirement. But we who know him as one always in pursuit of a laugh, also know that Viv Garton will never retire.

CHINESE UNIT PARADE

Brigadier M. S. K. Maunsell, DSO, OBE, Chief of Staff, Land Forces, will take the salute at a passing out parade of the Hong Kong Chinese (Training Unit at Lyemun Barracks today.

The Chief of Staff will inspect local enlisted personnel who have just completed their basic training and have volunteered for duties as muleteers and will be subsequently attached to an Animal Pack Transport Coy. RASC in the New Territories.

During the ceremony Brigadier Maunsell will present a shield to the best recruit.



Europeans Leave Swatow In Panamanian Freighter

The first group of Europeans to leave Swatow since the Communist occupation arrived in the Colony yesterday in the Panamanian freighter Barolaba.

They include Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stewart and two daughters and Mr. N. K. Turner, personnel of the Chinese Maritime Customs, who have recently retired after long service.

"The registration of the foreign community in Swatow was to have been completed by December 12. It is hoped that they will be able to procure exit permits by early next year," remarked Mr. Stewart, who was chief surveyor at the CMC Swatow Station, where he was transferred in July this year from Hong Kong.

The CMC properties are intact. The Chinese personnel are carrying on under supervision from the Commissar. There are no more foreign staff members of the CMC at Swatow.

Since the Communist entry on October 24, the foreigners have been left alone. "They seem to be carrying on as usual and are happy," said Mr. Stewart, who had been with the CMC for 29 years.

"There are still some foreign businessmen operating as usual. Others are mostly missionaries," he said. Mr. Stewart mentioned some names whom he said "are carrying on happily." They include Mr. M. M. Speyer, Swatow agent of Butterfield and Swire, and Mrs. Speyer and infant, Mr. Lightbody, Superintendent of Taikoo Wharf and Godown Limited, Mr. Moyles of Reiss Bradley, and Mrs. Moyles, Mr. Fox of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, and Mr. Henderson of Jardine, Matheson.

Registration

When he left the registration of the foreign community was supposed to have been completed, Mr. Stewart said.

No entry visa would be given until after the completion of that job.

Mr. Stewart said he would remain in the Colony for some time before leaving for Australia.

Mrs. Turner left Swatow earlier and has returned Home.

The Barolabo arrived with about a dozen Chinese passengers.

She has been making several successful trips to Swatow without encountering belligerent Nationalist craft.

According to a Chinese arrival, Swatow is still struggling desperately to recover from what was lost when the Nationalists left the city.

"We lost much of our foodstuffs through military requisitioning and looting. But if the Hong Kong ships maintain the link regular, as it is gradually becoming, we hope it will not be very long before we can begin business again with bright prospects," the merchant said.

Since the Communist occupation, several local ships have visited the city and returning with cargo and passengers.

The British coasters, Sing Hing and Wing Hing, have made several successful trips.

Licence Frauds Revealed

Certain unscrupulous persons are obtaining Chinese who require dealers', or similar licences, for tobacco and spirits, and are defrauding them of various amounts on the pretext of obtaining a licence from the Department of Commerce and Industry.

The victim is usually escorted to Prince's Building and told to wait at one of the entrances. The contact then returns and hands the victim a form of export permit bearing a few characters and some English wording and initialled HKG.

The Department stated yesterday that the only fees payable for licences should be paid in the Licensing Office on the 2nd floor of the Fire Brigade Building.

None of the staff of the Department of Commerce and Industry is authorized to collect any fees other than at the office and in exchange for an official receipt.

Reminders

Today

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, screening of film by courtesy of British Council at Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

HK Art Club, annual exhibition (Admission Free) at St. John's Cathedral hall, 10 a.m.

HK Chinese Products Seventh Annual Exhibition on site opposite Peninsula Hotel, official opening by Governor 4 p.m.

HK Amateur Radio Transmitting Society, annual general meeting, China Fleet Club theatre, 5.30 p.m.

Nine Dragons Services Club, Nathan Road, Kowloon, "Twenty Questions" programme at 8 p.m.

HK Women's International Club, Whist Drive for Services, 7.30 p.m.

British Council weekly film show "Building and Town Planning" Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

Quarry Bay School prize day, 3.15 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Nine Dragons Services Club, Tombola for Forces, 8 p.m. Nathan Road, Kowloon.

Court Brevities

Five men faced committal proceedings before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday on a charge of armed robbery at Shaukiwan.

They were alleged to have robbed the occupants of 7 Tai Ning Street of $5,344.90 (of which $3,200 was in cash).

Two other men faced charges of receiving stolen property and possession of arms without a permit.

Detective Sub-Inspector Nicol said that two of the suspects were arrested at Shatuukok and the other at Sheungshui, within 24 hours of the robbery.

The case continues today.

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Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday said that he would give a written judgment in the case of Duen Sau-lam, Lau Chan, aged 32, married woman, and Li Yat, aged 40, charged with the unlawful transfer of a 13-year-old boy for a consideration.

Mr. Fraker for the prosecution said that it might or might not be the custom to buy children for adoption in China but it was certainly against the law of Hong Kong where children cannot be bought or sold and payment of money cannot confer any rights whatsoever of proper possesion of any children.

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Mak Fu, aged 28, Private of the Royal Army Service Corps, Lye-mun Barracks, Cheng Sai, aged 27, of Shamshuipo Barracks, and Chan Kwok-sang, Royal Signals, of Victoria Barracks, were remanded for three days by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

Detective Sub-Inspector D. Taylor for the prosecution alleged that defendants, between December 10 and December 12, demanded $20 from Wong King-sin with menaces.

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Air Marshal Fogarty Visits HK

Air Marshal F. J. Fogarty, CB, DFC, AFC, Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Air Force in the Far East, and Mrs. Fogarty arrived here in an RAF aircraft from Singapore yesterday.

Upon his arrival at Kai Tak the C-in-C of the RAF inspected a guard of honour made up of men of the King's Own Scottish Borderers and the 91 Squadron RAF (Malay Regiment).

Lieutenant-General Sir Robert E. C. Mansergh GOC-in-C Hong Kong; Commodore L. N. Brownfield RN, Air Commodore A. D. Davis; Group Captain J. Worrall Station Commander, Kai Tak were among those who met Air Marshal Fogarty when his special Dakota arrived.

Air Marshal Fogarty who is on a routine tour of the Colony's RAF station told reporters that although yesterday's weather was very rough the RAF boys performed very well.

He further said that the RAF is playing an important role in Malaya where the ground forces are doing jobs although they have many difficulties in the jungles.

Air Marshal Fogarty and Mrs. Fogarty are planning to stay here for four or five days. This is their first trip to the Colony.

Yorkshiremen Hold Annual Meeting

At the Annual Meeting of the Society of Yorkshiremen in Hong Kong, held at the Jacobean Room of the Hong Kong Hotel last night, Mr. J. H. Shaw was elected President, and Mr. J. G. Meyer Vice-President.

Mrs. M. Allinson, Mrs. W. Cox, Mr. L. Sykes, Mr. H. Priestley, Mr. A. L. Fisher and all past Presidents in the Colony, were elected members of the Committee.

Mr. W. Stoker, the Hon. Treasurer for the past year, keeps his post, while the post of Hon. Secretary has been taken up by Mr. A. R. Brown.

It was announced that $200 would be handed over to the St. George's Society by the Yorkshiremen, February 25, 1950, was chosen as the date for the Society's Annual Dinner-Dance.

WOMEN FOUND UNCONSCIOUS IN HOTEL ROOMS

Two young Chinese women, Miss Wong Ying of room 114 Good World Hotel, Wanchai Road, and Miss Lam Luk of room 207 New Asia Hotel, Des Voeux Road Central, were found unconscious in their rooms yesterday and were sent to Queen Mary Hospital for treatment.

It was stated that both women were suffering from an over-dose of sleeping pills.

ACKNOWLEDGED DONATIONS

The undernoted donations to the Union Church Re-building Fund have been acknowledged:—

Previously acknowledged	$76,308.00
Sir John and Lady Mason	500.00
Church of Christ in China	2,000.00
Proceeds of Bazaar	10,141.52
Total	$89,149.52

Nethersole Hospital's Busiest Year

In the Nethersole Hospital's 62-year history 1948 was the busiest year in that there were 4,149 in-patients and more than 63,000 out-patients.

Mr. T. N. Chau told this to the members of the General Committee of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals at the Annual Meeting yesterday.

Mr. Chau also said that the contract for the new Staff Quarters and Nursing Training School was signed in March and in April the laying of the foundation began.

It was through the generous response of the public to the hospital's appeal for funds that work was able to be begun so quickly.

The site of the new building was donated by the London Missionary Society and is behind the present Nethersole Hospital in Bonham Road. Two old houses, No. 4 and 6, Bonham Road, have been pulled down and work on the new building commenced.

Total cost, including architect's fees, will be HK$1,845,000 and of this sum HK$943,000 has already been received.

Large sums of money were also raised during the year through two special fund-raising efforts—a bazaar and Fete in March and a Flower Day in May—which together brought in over HK$70,000.

"To Lady Lo and Lady Gibson and to all whose help and generosity made the functions successful," said Mr. Chau, "we tender our grateful thanks."

At the meeting the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year 1948 were read and passed.

The Committee

The following were then elected to the Committee:

Chairman: Mr. T. N. Chau.

Deputy Chairman: Mr. J. Finnie.

Members of the Executive Committee: Mr. Ngan Shing-kwan, Reverend George Ellis, Mr. Tang Shiu-kin, O.B.E., Dr. Arthur Woo and Colonel H.B.L. Dowbiggin.

Four members on the Executive Committee elected by the London Missionary Society were: Dr. F. R. Ashton, Medical Superintendent, Dr. R. M. Alderton, Secretary, Miss M. J. Ward, Superintendent of Nurses, and Mr. D.L. Prophet, C.A. (representing Messrs. Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co., Hon. Treasurers).

At the conclusion of the meeting Dr. Ashton proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. D.L. Prophet and Mr. Wan of Messrs. Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., the Hon. Treasurers and to the Auditors, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews for their help during the past year.

A Menace To Public Health

Stray dogs—such as the one photographed here—are today the biggest menace to the health of the Colony. They are the potential spreaders of rabies which has already claimed 20 lives. In addition, some 30 dogs have died from the disease—all on the Mainland where rabies is at present confined. The Health Authorities have stated that there is no guarantee that rabies does not exist on the Island as the incubation period may be upwards to six months or more. Owners of dogs should keep their pets off the streets—and on leash and muzzled when allowing them out. It was learned yesterday that the brains of two persons are at present under examination for rabies infection. If confirmed the human death toll since the outbreak of the disease a few months ago will jump to 22.—("China Mail" Photo).

Judgment Reserved In Taxation Appeal

The Full Court yesterday reserved judgment on the appeal brought by Jebsen and Company, of Pedder Building, against a Supreme Court decision which held that certain sums held by the company were taxable.

The appeal is also that the case should be sent back to the Board of Review from whence it arose for amendment, and that the business profits tax assessment of the company for the year 1948-1949 be reduced by $3,899.

The Full Court yesterday comprised Sir Leslie Gibson, Chief Justice, and Mr. Justice Gould, Puisne Judge. The appellants were represented by Mr. John McNeill instructed by Mr. H. J. Armstrong.

The respondent, the Commissioner of Inland Revenue, was represented by Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, assisted by Mr. C. W. Norris of the Inland Revenue Department.

When the matter first came before the Board of Review, it ruled that $38,991.87 which the firm had realised in the year 1948-1949 in the sale of goods through appreciation of United States dollars was not taxable.

The board held that the sum had been derived from the appreciation of US$ balances of the company, held in the United States, and was not a profit arising from the sale of goods in the purchases of which dollars were applied.

The Commissioner of Inland Revenue then appealed against the board's decision before Mr. Justice Williams, Senior Puisne Judge. Mr. Williams overruled the Board's findings and declared the money in question taxable.

Jebsen and Company thus have brought up the present appeal for Mr. Williams' decision to be reversed and for the matter to be sent back to the Board of Review. They also asked that the Business Profits Tax Assessment of the company for the year of assessment 1948-1949 be reduced by $3,899, and costs.

Mr. McNeill, after going briefly through the facts and make-up of the company, went on to submit that the sum concerned was merely a capital investment. Any appreciation of that sum in terms of American dollars was a capital appreciation and therefore not taxable. It is a debt or a loan, he added.

The Question

If it was a trading capital, he continued, he would agree with Crown Counsel's submission that the question is: what was the cost of the goods which were bought in America and sold in Hong Kong?

"In cases of this kind, the question as to what is a taxable profit depends on the value placed in the company's books upon the assets in the beginning of the year," counsel stated.

Mr. McNeill then turned to the question of partnership. There have been two changes of partnership since the gold dollars concerned were bought in 1939. The present sole proprietor of the firm, M. Jebsen, was thus entitled to open his trading accounts in 1948 by a proper valuation of the assets.

Mr. Hooton in reply told the Court that his whole point was that there was a profit made in sale of goods in Hong Kong, and not a profit in currency exchange. The whole crux of his argument was that the appellants were trying to take into consideration a hypothetical expenditure, and not an actual one.

Crown Counsel further submitted that the proper rate of exchange in January 1947 in US$ to HK$ was four to one. This had been determined by the proprietor's predecessor of the company in 1939, as well as the official rate.

After legal arguments from both sides, the Full Court reserved judgment.

Biological Circle Lecture

Mr. B. E. Sugars, FZS, discussed the "Breeding Habits of Tropical Fish" at a lecture yesterday before the Biological Circle of Hong Kong.

Mr. Sugars was followed by Mr. J. D. Romer who exhibited a frog totally new to the Colony.

The frog, closely allied to the rana ricketti, was found last August near the Pokfulam reservoir. A specimen was sent to the British Museum in London, which has not yet been able to identify it.

In his lecture Mr. Sugars explained in detail the different ways in which tropical fish breed. He classified them into three different groups—the egg layers, the live bearers and the nest builders.

"We have the negligent wife who tears around dropping her eggs all over the place while being pursued by her husband," he said. "This is the most common method, the father fertilising the eggs as they are dropped by the mother in this 'love chase.'"

Mr. Sugars denied the commonly accepted impression that tropical fish breeding is merely a matter of placing a male and a female fish together in a tank, and, as a result the lady lays her eggs; "while the gentleman has some vague connection either with the lady in question or with her eggs, and eventually young fish appear!"

In actual fact, he declared, the story of tropical fish breeding is far more complicated, and his lecture was devoted to proving this point.

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Further particulars are available from the Government Gazette of December 9, 1949 or from the Crown Lands & Survey Office.

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The Children's Xmas Party will be held on the afternoon of Thursday, 29th December. Application forms must be returned before 20th December.

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Chinese Products Exhibition

The Governor will officially open the Colony's Seventh Annual Chinese Products Exhibition today. A number of buyers have arrived from Singapore and Manila.

More than 300 distinguished personalities have accepted the Hong Kong Chinese Manufacturers Union's (the sponsors) invitation to attend the opening.

The Union has received congratulatory messages from abroad wishing the Exhibition success.

Among the many messages received yesterday were one from the Governor of Macao and one from the President of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in San Francisco.

Commander Albano Oliveira, Governor of Macao, cabled: "In thanking you for your kind invitation I very much regret that it only reached me today. Madame Oliveira and I feel sorry at not being able to arrange to be present. We wish the Exhibition the fullest success and the Union may count on this Colony for co-operation and expansion of Chinese products."

The message from Mr. George K. Jue, President of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, San Francisco, said: "Warmest congratulations on your grand opening. Best wishes for a successful seventh annual exhibition."

Carol Concert At HKU

The Carol Concert given for more than 20 years by the Hong Kong University Christian Association on the Sunday before Christmas has always been one of the outstanding musical events which contribute so much to the true enjoyment of this festive season in Hong Kong.

This year's concert will be held Sunday at the University at 9 p.m., and promises to be well up to the high standard set by the post-war choirs.

A choir of about 90 voices conducted by the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. L. T. Ride, with Professor Gordon King as accompanist, will sing a number of carols, including such favourites as "Coventry Carol", "Flemish Carol", "Poverty", "The Crown of Roses", "Tht Kings", "The Garden of Jesus", "Puer Nobis", "Lullaby my Liking", "The Holly and the Ivy", "Sunny Bank", "Gloucestershire Wassail".

The audience will join in the singing of a number of the better known Christmas hymns.

Following established custom, a collection will be taken during the concert in aid of the Hong Kong School for the Deaf and the School for the Blind. The humanitarian work done by these schools should need no commendation to the Hong Kong people.

Those who support the concert will not only be assured of a pleasant musical evening but will have the added joy of having helped needy children in the true spirit of Christmas.

Admission is free and there is no booking. A hearty welcome is extended to all members of the Forces who are specially invited to come and join in the singing.

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The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, speaking at the opening of the Art Club's Annual Exhibition yesterday. ("China Mail" photo).

Art Club Exhibition Opened By Governor

The second exhibition of the Hong Kong Art Club was opened yesterday at the Hall of St. John's Cathedral by the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham.

There were 214 paintings on display, in both oil and water-colours.

Sir Alexander was introduced by Mr. A. E. Nobbins, chairman, who said the Club was proud of its achievements and was particularly happy to be able to hold this second annual exhibition.

Mr. Nobbins listed the relationship of art to industry, and expressed the belief that industry and commerce could only thrive in a community sensitive to the needs of art and artists.

"Art does not finish in the making of a pretty picture," Mr. Nobbins declared. "It is the fundamental impulse in industry."

The chairman said the Hong Kong Art Club was aiming rather high, and had set the formation of an Art Academy here as the summit of its achievement.

"We badly need an art school where people with an artistic inclination may pursue art in all it branches," Mr. Nobbins added.

Criticism Necessary

Sir Alexander Grantham speaking after the chairman, deplored the unenviable position of artists who often had to submit their work to the criticism of people who knew nothing about art.

The Governor compared this with remarks about Hong Kong made recently by people abroad who knew nothing or not nearly enough about the Colony to qualify as legitimate critics.

"But paradoxically," the Governor added, "this criticism is often necessary to artists."

People in public and private life, Sir Alexander said, whether they be artists or politicians, must rather resent uniformed criticism, but they do nevertheless rely on the opinion of the uninitiated.

After saying that even geniuses like Salvador Dali and Picasso were exposed to similar treatment, the Governor declared the exhibition opened, and spent an hour in a careful tour of the hall.

Few Portraits

Watercolours predominate in this year's exhibition, which shows notable lack of inclination among local artists to pursue portrait painting.

Among the portraits is an excellent painting in oil of a young man entitled "Bernard," by Nguyen Gai-tri. Artful combination of cream and gold, and sincerity in detail, give this sensitive study a strikingly beautiful realism.

One portrait of an old man replete with wrinkles and age, by Mrs. Bonnerman, is a splendid example of what the hand can do when the eye does not see.

"Jamaica Girl," a study in charcoal, is a whimsical arrangement of an old theme.

Two charcoal studies by Mr. David Leung, "Vilma" and "David," are surprisingly bold among a collection notable for a conservative regimentation of ideas to produce merely the picturesque.

There are many lovely landscapes, but Mrs. C. M. Franks' watercolour entitled "Eventide" graphically catches the soft fall of twilight, and radiates charm in its easy suggestion of the glimmering approach of night.

Theatres Giving Away Diamonds

Six genuine diamonds, 1,000 diamond-cut rhinestones and 350 zercons, will be offered free to the general public tomorrow in a novel promotion campaign publicising Paramount Pictures' "Rope of Sand".

The film will be screened simultaneously at the Lee Theatre and the Liberty Theatre beginning tomorrow. The gems, equally divided between the Mainland and the Island will be given away in front of the two theatres at 12.30 p.m.

From fish bowls in front of the theatres, members of the public will be invited by pretty girl attendants to fish for the gems, and take them to the diamond and jewellery firm, George Falconer and Company, or to the box offices of the two theatres. There the gems will be inspected to confirm whether they are diamonds, rhinestones or zercons.

The diamonds are worth at least HK$2,000.

Others in the vicinity of the two theatres will be handed bills among which will be 20 entitling holders to two complimentary tickets each to see "Rope of Sand", a picture story with the diamond fields of South Africa as the background.

CALLIGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

A Chinese classical calligraphic and painting exhibition will be held at the gallery of Hotel Cecil at 2 p.m. today.

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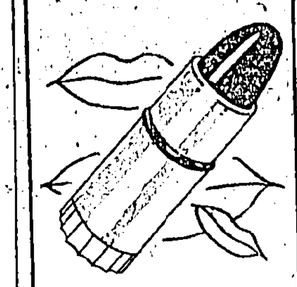

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WHEN the side which did not open the bidding eventually calls grand slam in its suit over small slam by the opening side, it is bound to sound like a sacrifice. But if that tempts you to double the contract, don't do it as a rule in rubber bridge unless you have in your own hand the cards that make setting it virtually certain. If you beat the contract a single trick, doubling will gain you only 50 points if the declarer is not vulnerable, 100 if he is vulnerable. Compare that with the basketful of points you present him in case your don't beat the contract at all.

	S A 9 7 5 3 2 H K J 10 7 6 D 6 C 10	
S None H None D A K Q 10 9 8 C A Q J 7 4 3 2	N W E S	S J 8 6 H 9 8 3 D J 7 4 3 2 C K 6.
	S K Q 10 4 H A Q 6 4 2 D 5 C 9 8 5	

South	West	North	East
1 H.	3 D	3 S	4 D
4 S	6 D	6 H.	7 D
Dbl.			

(Dealer: South. Both sides vulnerable).

As it developed, South would have been best off to bid grand slam in spades or hearts as a sacrifice and be set two tricks. She would have made out second best if she had merely passed. As it was, she made out third best by doubling, which added plenty to the score of West, who was smart enough to refrain from redoubling, not wishing to scare her opponents into sacrificing with their higher-ranking suit.

It is pretty hard, however, to censure South for doing what 99 out of 100 good players would have done. Of course, the original jump into 3-Diamonds by West betokened considerable distribution, probably a two-suiter, but then the long clubs were never disclosed by name in the bidding.

New York lawyers and their wives were the participants in this strife—Arthur W. Graef in the North opposite Mrs. Ralph de Castro, with Mrs. Graef in the West and Mr. de Castro East. They agreed after the deal that this fits the truism—"whenever each side is able to make a slam in its own suit, usually neither side should, as the other should sacrifice against it if able to."

Tomorrow's Problem

	S J 10 9 4 H 3 D A J 4 2 C J 10 3 2	
S Q 3 2 H K 10 8 7 D Q 10 8 6 C A 9	N W E S	S K. H A J 9 5 4 D K 5 C K 8 6 5 4
	S A 8 7 6 5 H Q 6 2 D 9 7 3 C Q 7	

(Dealer: South. East-West vulnerable).

If North opens this deal with a psychic 1-Club, what would you do in the East?

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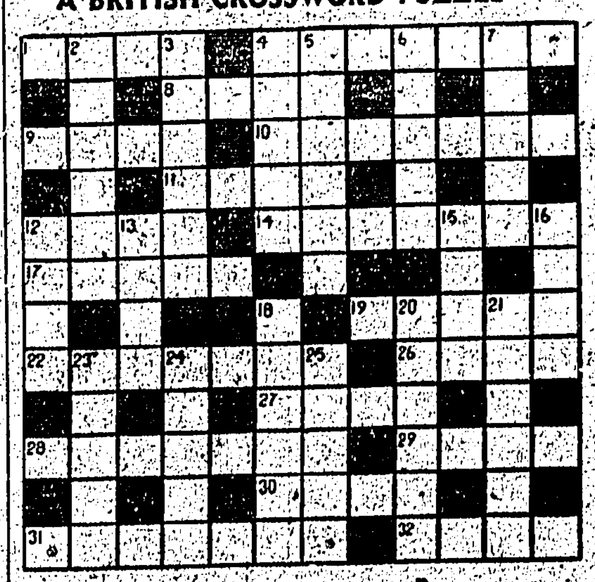

Across

1 Reckless.
4 Blood-sucker.
8 Greedy.
9 Eager.
10 Like a chatterbox.
11 Profit.
12 Scottish dance.
14 Play.
17 Fraternity.
19 Smudge.
22 Violation of allegiance.
26 Finishes.
27 Intend.
28 Awe-inspiring.
29 Flower.
30 Notion.
31 Closeness of substance.
32 Legal right.

Down

2 Fisherman.
3 Wrangle.
4 Striking.
5 Handsome man.
6 Well-fed.
7 Governor.
12 Old party.
13 Brink.
15 Sign.
16 Sailors.
18 Consign.
20 Servant.
21 Opinion given.
23 Stir.
24 Legendary character.
25 Hard-up.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS:—1 Record, 5 Donor, 8 Outer, 9 Senior, 10 Valid, 11 Magic, 12 Ible, 13 Alarm, 16 Slated, 18 Delete, 20 Scene, 22 Perl, 23 Sever, 25 Group, 26 Silent, 27 Rents, 28 Power, 29 Setter.

DOWN:—1 Reserves, 2 Conclude, 3 Room, 4 Durable, 5 Devilute, 6 Oracle, 7 Osier, 14 Adherent, 15 Mediator, 16 Sleeper, 17 Attests, 19 Ensure, 21 Curio, 24 Riso.

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Sofia Treason Trial:

BULGARIAN ACCUSED REPEATS INNOCENCE

KOSTOV STOPPED BY JUDGE

Sofia, December 13.

Traicho Kostov, former Bulgarian Vice-Premier, in his final statement to the court trying him on treason charges, repeated today that he was innocent.

There was commotion in the court as the second accused, the former Minister of Finance, Stephanov, burst into tears and denounced Kostov as a "traitor without the courage to admit his crimes even today".

Prague, December 13.

An American attending Bulgaria's treason trial reported that Traicho Kostov was cut short by the presiding judge as he tried to deny the charges against him at today's closing session.

This observer told the Associated Press in Prague by telephone from Sofia that armed militiamen on each side of Kostov kept tugging at his coat until he finally sat down.

He said that Kostov's action threw the court into an uproar. There was a great deal of noise in the courtroom, the observer said. It was almost impossible to hear what he was trying to say. It was impossible for any one not understanding Bulgarian to know what was going on since Kostov did not speak into the court microphone and the interpreters were unable to translate.

This was the second time since the start of the trial that Kostov had electrified the court by defiantly denying charges against him.

The American observer said that nine of the defendants arose one after another, fluently admitted their guilt, and threw themselves on the mercy of the court.

Then Kostov, looking tired but in good health and extremely calm, got up.

The observer said, "My Bulgarian is not too good, but I heard Kostov begin to say 'I have never ' when the commotion began in the courtroom and the presiding judge began to interrupt."

Meanwhile, the American observer reported that the Bulgarian Press has started a bitter campaign against Mr. Donald Heath, the American Minister in Sofia decribed during the trial as an American agent.

The logical assumption is that the Bulgarians are paving the way for Mr. Heath's recall, the observer said.—Associated Press.

The accused were asked for their final statement after the defence had completed its case.

Defence attorneys spoke for five hours.

The date when sentences will be passed will be announced later.

Kostov told the court in a brief statement delivered without any visible emotion that he was not guilty of the charges of espionage and conspiracy and that he had respect and esteem for the Soviet Union.

He made no attempt to refute any of the specific charges or challenge the testimony of his fellow accused who repeated their accusation against him again today.

In fact, Kostov had at no time during the proceedings tried to challenge either the defendants or witnesses although he had the right and opportunity to do so.

"Greatest Crime"

After Kostov sat down the former Minister of Finance and Kostov's friend, Stephanov, rose and, visibly moved, told the court that he himself was guilty of the greatest crime against his people.

Then he said, half turning to Kostov who sat on the bench beside him, "I am deeply shocked that the man who was the chief organiser of the entire conspiracy, the man who brought me into this court, did not find the courage to admit openly his guilt for the crime he committed.

"It seems that Traicho Kostov wants to remain a traitor to the last and prove himself a coward to the very end."

As he spoke his voice broke and he wiped his eyes with his hand as he sat down. He turned his back on Kostov.

Film cameras whirred as the accused rose one by one to make their final statements.

Nikola Pavlov, the third accused and former Administrator Secretary of the Bulgarian Communist Party's Politbureau, charged Kostov with the chief responsibility.

Asks For Chance

Nikola Natchef Petrov, Kostov's right-hand man before their arrest, told the court that he was fully guilty and asked to be given a chance to "pay for my crime with the hardest labour."

Boris Kristov, who was Bulgaria's commercial representative in Moscow, told the court with great emotion, "After I cleanse myself from the stain of my crime I will work sincerely for the good of my people and my country".

Kostov earlier wept while his defence lawyer described him as a victim of blackmail and charged that Traicho Kostov had held his capitulation to the police during the war over his head as a club.

Ivan Govrenov, one-time millionaire industrialist, produced an outburst of laughter in court as he said that if his life was spared he would "be faithful to the Party to the last moment of my life."

During the trial he had testified that as a big manufacturer he had been a "Communist in theory" until he found that Socialism affected his own pocket.

He confessed that he had caused the State damage amounting to US$45,000,000 through deliberate industrial sabotage.

All of the other accused also made statements admitting their guilt and asking for the court's mercy.—Reuter.

Air Drop To Marooned Sailors

Paris, December 13.

A French naval plane is being prepared in Casablanca today to drop food parcels to three marooned men on the wrecked Belgian steamer Rene off the Moroccan coast, the Agence France Presse reported.

Bad weather and heavy seas prevented the Casablanca lifeboat, Marechal Lyautey, making a second rescue attempt today.

Meanwhile, the three men, who have been without food and water for six days, are still being drenched by huge breakers. They had gone to the wreck last Thursday. After they clambered aboard their small boat broke its moorings.

Harbour authorities in Casablanca today reported that the men had gone to the Rene in search of a suitcase left behind by a French director of a salvage firm who was drowned when his boat sank between the wreck and the mainland.

Three weeks ago 40 salvage workers were stranded on the wreck.—Reuter.

ADEN GOVERNOR GOING HOME

London, December 13.

Sir Reginald Champion, the Governor of Aden, is on his way to Britain for a short stay because of his health, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

He denied that his visit was connected with outstanding political problems, such as the border dispute between the Aden Protectorate and the Yemen.

During his absence, Mr. A. S. Thomas, the Chief Secretary, is acting as Governor.

According to usually reliable sources, the next move in the border dispute should come from the Yemen. Britain which in August bombed a Yemen-constructed fort on ground it claimed was in the Protectorate, is believed to have modified her attitude in a recent note asking for the Yemen to put forward views on the basis of negotiation.

The sources think that bad health on both sides may be delaying the exchanges as, according to reports reaching London, the Imam of Yemen is now recovering from an operation for hernia.—Reuter.

ARABS RETURN TO PALESTINE

Ras El Naqura, December 13.

The first group of 2,000 Arab women and children refugees who are returning from the Lebanon to their homes in Israel crossed the border here today and rejoined the men of their families at Acre.

Israeli officials gave them oranges and sweets. Among those who met them were the Military Governor of West Galilee, municipal officials of Haifa and Acre and International Red Cross staff members.

The refugees from Lebanon are arriving in groups of 200. Similar reunions are to be arranged later for refugees from other Arab countries.—Reuter.

"The Strand" To Cease Publication

London, December 13.

The Strand Magazine, which introduced Sherlock Holmes to the world, is on its deathbed. It will cease publication after nearly 60 years with the March issue, the publishers, Messrs. George Newnes, announced today.

The Strand, founded in 1891, was a pioneer of modern magazines. Authors of its short stories included H. G. Wels, Rudyard Kipling, A. E. W. Mason and W. W. Jacobs.

It was banned from Hitler's Germany because of an article by Mr. Winston Churchill which it published in 1938.—Reuter.

POST IN BATAVIA FILLED

The Hague, December 13.

The Netherlands Government announced today the appointment of its economic specialist, Dr. Hans B. Hirschfeld, as first High Commissioner to Indonesia.

A communique said Dr. Hirschfeld will hold the position only for a short time since he cannot long be spared from his present function. He is Netherlands Government Commissioner for the Marshall plan, for Benelug and for German affairs.

Dr. Hirschfeld's appointment is effective with the transfer of sovereignty, which is tentatively fixed for December 27.

Dr. Hirschfeld is known as the number one figure in Dutch international economic affairs.

He visited Indonesia in 1947 on an economic mission for the Dutch Government. It was his only visit since the war to a country where he had worked in his youth, from 1925 to 1931, as Chief of the Economic Statistical Section of the Java Bank in Batavia.

Mr. S. L. J. Van Waardenburg, present delegate at Palembang of the Netherlands Royal High Commissioner in Batavia, is to be appointed Governor of Dutch New Guinea.

The Dutch will also send a token military force there of 1,000 men.—Associated Press.

97 "QUEENS OF LIGHT" KILLED

Stockholm, December 13.

The Malmoe Express roared out of the wintry dusk at 67 miles an hour today and killed three "Queens of Light."

The queens were blondes chosen to take part in the annual Swedish Festival of Light, held on December 13, when, according to tradition, the sun gets ready for its return journey Northward.

The three girls, 17, 18 and 20 years of age, were in the back of a car when it was hit at a level crossing in the town of Norrkoeping.

The driver and two girls in the front seat escaped death as the locomotive's snowplough struck the rear of the vehicle and carried it in a tangled mass down the track.

Lighted candles stuck in the head-dresses of the five girls were scattered over the line.

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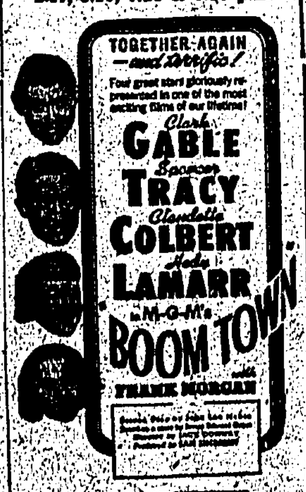

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Rumanians Executed For Spying

Bucharest, December 13.

It was officially announced today that three Rumanians sentenced to death last week on charges of spying for American counter-intelligence have been executed by firing squadice [illegible]

They were Lieutenant-Colonel Dan Tetorian, former Rumanian General Staff intelligence Officer; Marcel Emilian, Bucharest actor; and Mihail Eliade, Major in the Army Reserve Corps.

They were accused of spying in Linz. They were among 19 Rumanians given varied sentences for espionage allegedly on behalf of American counter-intelligence.—Associated Press.

Quirino To Wield The Axe

Manila, December 14.

President Elpidio Quirino has called on all Cabinet and appointive administrative heads for their resignations prior to the beginning of his four-year term of office on December 30.

The move is considered to have significance beyond the usual "courtesy" resignations custom designed to allow the President a free hand at the beginning of a new term.

President Quirino has repeatedly warned that far-reaching retrenchments and re-organisations in the Government are necessary to meet the reduced national income due to the falling off of revenues under the new control regulations.

Cabinet members had already submitted their resignations within a few minutes after the joint session of Congress proclaimed Mr. Quirino elected for another term.

But sources close to Mr. Quirino promptly passed the word that Mr. Quirino wants the resignations of all appointive officials in his hands while he is conducting the re-organisation. This will include mayors appointed by the President.

No disorders followed yesterday's one-day Congress session. Philippines armed services and Constabulary as well as police of all large cities had been on the alert because of persistent rumours of trouble if Congress failed to decide the election void on the basis of opposition charges of fraud and intimidation.—Associated Press.

NEW GOVERNMENT IN CHUNGKING

San Francisco, December 13.

A Municipal People's Government has been established in Chungking, according to Peking Radio tonight.

The city's new Mayor and Vice-Mayor are Chen Hai-lien and Tsao Ti-chiu, respectively, the radio said.—Reuter.

THE ONES WHO GOT AWAY

Women's Meeting In Red Capital

San Francisco, December 13.

The Asian Women's Conference is now in full swing in the Chinese Communist capital of Peking, a Communist broadcast reported tonight.

The delegates of several overseas countries are attending the conference which has heard lengthy summaries of the role women are playing in the various fields of public life in those countries.

One speaker at yesterday's session of the conference was Madame Jeunette Vermeersch, of the "French Fraternal Delegation", the broadcast said.

She said she brought from the French people greetings "to the democratic revolution, to the Chinese people, to the admirable Chinese women, to the peoples of the Republic of China and its leader, Mao Tse-tung".

She is also quoted as saying that the "People of France are grateful to the Chinese people for having freed China, for having made this contribution to their country's happy future, for having deprived the Imperialist warmongers of a most important base of aggression in Asia, for having instituted the dictatorship of the People's Democracy over the Chinese reactionaries—thus finishing off the Kuomintang's hopes of making a come-back, and breaking the grasp of foreign Imperialism."

She added that the "world camp" was thus "considerably reinforced".

She also said that because of the "gigantic efforts of the USSR the path of peace, of democracy, has been made easier for all people".

In a reference to Vietnam, she said that it was the victory of the Soviet Army over German and Japanese "Imperialism" which had made it possible for "our brothers and sisters in Vietnam to struggle successfully against French Imperialism and establish the Democratic Republic of Vietnam".

Protest To SCAP

Today's session of the conference, the broadcast reported, unanimously passed a protest against the alleged imprisonment of "democratic women" in the Lebanon.

The names of the women said to have been sent to prison were given as Adnan Goulan, Marie Pacha, Marie Ikaoui and Georgette Seursok, all of whom are described as being members of the League for Defending the Right of the Women of Lebanon.

The protest was addressed to the Chairman of the Lebanon Council of Ministers. It demands the immediate release of the four women who are said to have been imprisoned.

The conference has also approved a "strong protest" against General MacArthur's alleged refusal to issue passports to Japanese women so that they could attend the conference.

The protest said that the Japanese women and the Japanese people were "struggling with increasing vigour for an independent, democratic and peaceful Japan."

It told General MacArthur, "All your oppressive measures shall not be able to halt their advance".—Reuter.

POWER STATION STRIKES:

LONDON THREATENED WITH DISLOCATION

London, December 13.

Unofficial strikes at four electrical power stations tonight plunged great areas of London into total darkness and set Christmas candles flickering.

The strikes threaten the city with serious transport, industrial and commercial dislocation.

It is feared that if they spread further, the national grid—the system which distributes power throughout Britain may be affected.

Power workers at three stations stopped over a pay dispute and, because servicemen were drafted in, workers at Barking—the biggest power station in Europe—also stopped work.

After giving less than three hours' notice 1,400 men at the Barking Station streamed out of the buildings and the 15 great chimneys ceased to belch smoke.

Almost simultaneously, lights went out in many London suburbs and electric trolley buses were brought to a standstill.

Shopkeepers and housewives fumbled in the dark to light up the decorative candles they had been reserving for Christmas.

Crane Driver's Join In

Servicemen were drafted into Barking and others are standing by.

A committee of Cabinet Ministers is keeping continuous watch on the situation, and the Government is reported to be confident that it can maintain at all times a high percentage of normal output.

With Service help, it is expected to be possible to restore 100 per cent output within about 12 hours of the breakdown.

Crane drivers unloading coal ships on the Thames River joined the strike tonight.

This afternoon the power output in London and Southern England fell to 80 per cent of the average.

In some areas it meant a complete blackout, interruption of factory work and of cinema shows, and transport breakdowns.

Some East London telephone exchanges carried on by candlelight.

Delegates from all 30 power stations in and around London are meeting tonight.

Operations By Candlelight

Earlier, some of London's Underground trains were stopped in a nationwide five per cent electricity cut, which was made worse by last night's unofficial strike in three London power stations.

Naval ratings sent to the three stations were joined today by men of the Grenadier Guards Regiment and of the Royal Air Force.

During London's partial blackout tonight, operations were performed at some hospitals by candlelight and oil lamps.

Larger hospitals switched to emergency electricity supplies installed when the Luftwaffe was over London.

At Lewis, Sussex, the Assize Court was plunged into darkness. The hearings continued by candlelight.

At Sydenham, two women were half way through a permanent wave. While they waited the staff brought them cups of tea.—Reuter.

Report On Social Security

Strasbourg, December 13.

The Social Security Sub-Commission of the Social Questions Commission of the European Consultative Assembly today concluded a two-day study of a report submitted to it by the International Labour Office.

The report sets out in schematic form the Social security systems of the countries which are members of the Council of Europe, the ILO's social security programme and suggestions for establishing a European code of social security.

The Sub-Commission drew up a report which emphasises the necessity of equalising social security charges between the member countries and the necessity of a social security code.

The report will be submitted for approval to the Social Questions Commission which will probably meet in plenary session in February and which in turn will draw up a general report on the work of its Sub-Commissions, which will be laid before the Consultative Assembly in its next session, the date of which has not yet been fixed.

The deputies of the 12 Foreign Ministers of the Council of Europe will meet in Strasbourg on January 9 to consider certain technical questions.—Reuter.

FORMER MILLIONAIRE NOW A DP

New York, December 13.

A Hungarian nobleman, Count Laszli Paul Esterhazy, who once lived on an estate valued at US$6 to $10 million, arrived here today as, in his own words, a "penniless" displaced person.

The estate, which had been in his family for 400 years, had 2,000 houses, several cognac plants and various textile mills. Five years ago the Germans took him away as a political prisoner. That same year, 1944, his father, a former Minister to the United States, died.

After the war the Russians confiscated the estate. Today, the Count and his wife and their three-year-old daughter arrived with 1,200 other displaced persons on the Army transport, M. J. Stewart.

The Esterhazys plan to go to Washington in a few days to meet the Count's stepmother, Countess Franciska Esterhazy, who has been living in America and Cuba for 15 years.—Reuter.

SUMMING UP IN MANSTEIN TRIAL

Hamburg, December 13.

Opening the second day of his summing up in the war crimes trial of Field-Marshal Erich von Manstein here today, the Judge Advocate, Mr. L. A. Collingwood, said that it was no defence for Manstein to declare that he knew nothing about any atrocities that might have been carried out in his command.

Mr. Collingwood was dealing with the fourth of the 17 charges—alleging that Manstein disregarded his duty to ensure humane treatment of Soviet prisoners of war, with the result that large numbers died, were shot, or were transferred to the security service to be killed.

Died, shot, in the mortality returns, gave no indication of how many were shot or died from other causes. As the prosecution had pointed out, if only a few were shot, then a correspondingly large number died.

"The aggregate figures speak for themselves," the Judge Advocate declared.

He added that a previous war crimes judgment had stated that the handing over of prisoners to the security service was itself a criminal act, especially when, it was known that their ultimate fate was elimination by this murderous organisation.

Concerning the fifth charge—that Soviet soldiers were illegally treated as guerillas—Mr. Collingwood said that the court must decide, firstly, whether it was the effect of High Command orders that Soviet soldiers were treated as guerillas and shot without trial, secondly whether they were so killed and, thirdly, whether this practice was carried out with the concurrence of the accused.—Reuter.

Colonial Scientists' Meeting

Badan, Nigeria, December 13.

Scientists from Britain, France, Spain, Portugal and West African countries have met here to exchange information on Nigerian physical, biological and human problems.

One subject is that data for a more accurate atlas should be collected from all Colonial governments.

Maps produced in London are vague and often contain errors, geographers here believe.

Recent research on malaria, yellow fever and sleeping sickness, all of which affect West Africa, is also being explained to the scientists.

Fish is a vital food among many of Nigeria's inhabitants and the scientists are to hear about Lugos fish-farming experiments aimed at bigger supplies.

When the scientists finish reading their papers they will go North to the heart of Nigeria to see agricultural research stations and for geological and archaeological studies.—Reuter.

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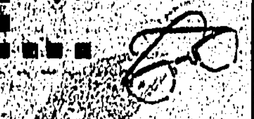

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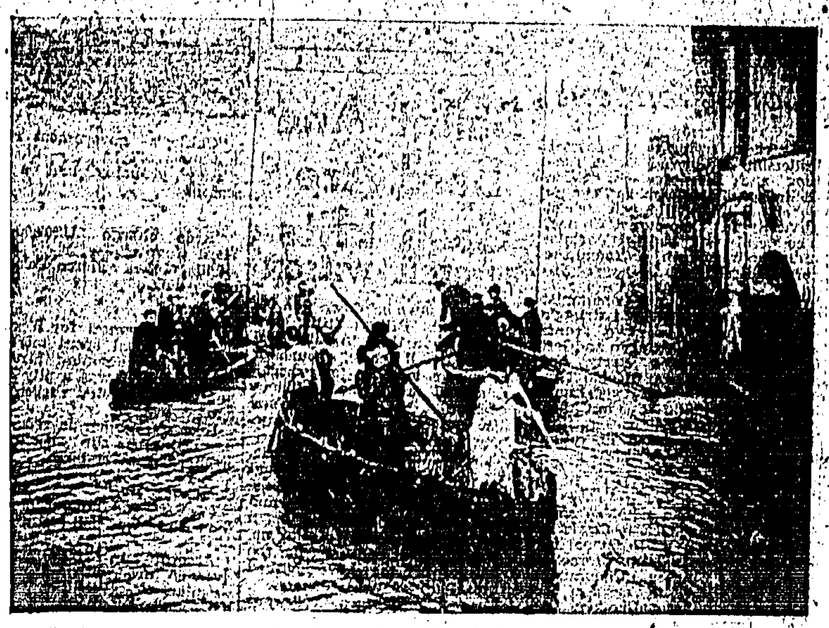

Flood waters smashing in from the swollen River Senio have swamped the little North Italian town of Fusignano and driven many of the 6,000 inhabitants from their homes. A section of a small hill bordering the river collapsed, allowing the river to overrun the town to a depth of about four feet. Furignano, about 300 kilometres South West of Milan, is only one of the North Italian rural areas inundated by recent heavy rainstorms. Photo shows rescue workers labouring amid the flooded buildings of Fusignano. They brought food to the town, and in many cases helped people from their damaged homes. (AP Photo).

DULLES CALLS FOR

A MORAL OFFENSIVE AGAINST COMMUNISM

New York, December 13.

Senator John Foster Dulles declared today that Soviet violation of the Yalta agreement leaves the United States morally free to seek to end Soviet spheres of influence over hundreds of millions of non-Russians in Eastern Europe and Asia.

Mr. Dulles expanded on a suggestion he made 18 months ago, in which he proposed the creation of an organisation dedicated to restoring freedom to peoples deprived of it.

At that time, he suggested giving asylum to patriotic leaders in exile and providing them with opportunities to keep feelings of freedom alive in their home countries.

His plan was denounced by the Communists as a "spy plot."

Today, Mr. Dulles called for a "moral offensive" against Communism, saying.

"We should make it clear to the tens of millions of restive subject people in Eastern Europe and Asia that we do not accept the status quo of servitude that aggressive Soviet Communism has imposed on them, and that eventual liberation is an essential and enduring part of our foreign policy."

"The various pacts signed by the United States suggest that to Americans, Western Europe and the Mediterranean are the limits of our strategic concern and of our political concern and that the Soviet Communists may have a free hand elsewhere."

Russian Charge

Referring to a recent statement that the joint Chiefs of Staff do not consider Taiwan of vital strategic importance, Mr. Dulles said that statement "was not official and I hope it never will become official."

He reminded his listeners, however, that such statements indicated "how general is the feeling that strategic factors mark the limits of our official concern."

Mr. Dulles recommended extension of the National Committee for Free Europe's activities

MR. DULLES

to Asia, which he estimated could be done at a cost of US$100,000,000 a year.

If war is not now imminent, he declared, it is because Russia has not yet consolidated its present position, particularly in Asia.

"The great danger of war would come if and when the Soviet leaders successfully consolidate Eastern Europe and Asia into a vast political, industrial and military unit.

Keeping Hope Alive

"Then they would be so strong, they might well calculate upon completing their conquest by means of war.

"We should not allow that day to come. To prevent it does not require us to launch a preventive war of our own.

"Prevention can come if we keep in men's hearts the love of freedom and the hope and realisation that each individual can play a part in the vast struggle in which the United States is engaged and from which we will not retire until freedom has been secured."—United Press.

NO BATH, NO SHAVE REQUEST

New York, December 13.

Eight million residents in New York were asked to go without a bath next Friday and were requested not to shave on that day.

"A Friday beard is a badge of honour," said Commissioner Stephen Carney in proclaiming a voluntary "water holiday" to dramatise the city's critical shortage and show how much water can be saved through earnest contribution. Also everyone will be asked to drink one glass less of water on that day.

The "no bath, no shave" request was part of the 24-hour "water holiday" which the Water Supply Department has asked New Yorkers to observe on Friday. The Department announced that the holiday would be a "test of the public." If this measure worked out well, more water saving restrictions would not have to be put into effect.

It is estimated that if everyone in the city refrains from taking one glass of water on Friday that move along will save 500,000 gallons.

The announcement came as the Water Department authorities received a report that the storage supply in reservoirs which feed the city had gone up during the last 24 hours for the first time since last June. With light, steady rains falling on watersheds and warm temperatures melting snow, the total storage had increased since 8 a.m. on Monday by 1,026,000,000 gallons. The total supply now stands at 85,589,000,000 which is 33.8 per cent of the capacity.—United Press.

New York, December 13.

The East and Gulf Coast shipping operators and an AFL Deck Officers Union today signed a four-month extension of their present contract, thus averting a walk-out by 2,000 officers fixed for midnight on Thursday.—United Press.

JAPAN PEACE TREATY

Final Phase Of FEC's Functions

Washington, December 13.

The Far Eastern Commission under its new chairman, Mr. Maxwell Hamilton, this week entered what its officials described as a "transition period."

It is winding up its role as the Allied policy-making body for Occupied Japan in preparation for a peace conference.

Four major items remain formally on the Commission's agenda as it enters what officials describe as the final phase of its work.

They are: 1. Japanese reparations; 2. Japanese levels of industry; 3. American labour policy in Japan; and 4. Participation of Japanese in international affairs.

The best-informed official consensus is that the Commission probably will never take any positive action in connection with the first three of these questions.

However, there is some expectation that it will be able to reach some agreement on the policy for participation of Japanese in international conferences on a somewhat broader basis than at present.

Both the FEC Steering Committee and the Commission as a whole are considering this matter, discussing various suggestions advanced after the United States submitted its original resolution which would sanction the policy of permitting Japanese the greatest possible attendance at international meetings in which they have interest.

Less Opposition

Russia, China and the Philippines have been most opposed to the American attitude in this matter.

However, the Philippines is reported to have softened its position somewhat, and the Chinese are not as vocal on the subject in the FEC meeting as they once were.

The Soviet Union has moderated its objections too, but has raised the argument that the United States would permit the Japanese to attend only meetings of international organisations which the Americans approved of ideologically.

The Soviet Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Vladimir Bazykin, has asserted in a statement in the Commission that General MacArthur will not permit the Japanese to attend meetings of organisations such as the World Federation of Trade Unions which sometimes meets in countries behind the "Iron Curtain."

A Compromise?

The United States is expected to reply to this charge as soon as it receives the full views of General MacArthur. However, Commission sources believe that there has been enough modification in the attitudes of all countries to offer a compromise in this matter.

There is considered to be little chance of an agreement on the levels of industry for Japan.

This subject, which has been discussed in the four years of the FEC's existence, still finds several nations unwilling to concur in levels as high as the United States wishes.

The United States, which bears the burden of supporting the deficits of the Japanese economy, will veto any policy which would set lower industrial levels. Thus, unless the entire Commission accepts the American view, the matter must die without positive action.—United Press.

TRIBUTE TO DH COMET

New York, December 13.

Colonel S. H. Bingham, Commissioner of the Board of Transportation, City of New York, told a group of American air executives today that if they could not produce a plane as good or better than the British De Havilland Comet, "you had better prod the builders into acquiring the rights to produce Comets until they come up with something better."

"As a matter of fact," he continued, "such procedure has many advantages.

"The British spent time and money developing this plane and have done a fine job.

"Given the knowledge they now have, we can unquestionably out-produce them.

"Isn't it much better to pay for this knowledge and produce planes than for us merely to continue lending them money for relief? They need dollars. We need planes."

Colonel Bingham was speaking to the Management Club of Pan-American World Airways.

He also said: "Our plane builders have been left behind by the British in development of jet-powered commercial transport planes.

"The De Havilland Comet, which now has well over 100 flying hours to its credit, will make our present transports obsolete when it goes into production.

"And we have nothing so far advanced with which to compete".—United Press.

Ramadier's Warning To Socialists

Paris, December 13.

The former premier, Paul Ramadier, today warned the French Socialists that their withdrawal from France's middle of the road coalition government might mean the end of the Republican regime.

The elderly former Government chief spoke at the opening of the Socialist Party's Congress here. One of the crucial issues up for discussion was continued participation in the Government. The strong Left Wing faction in the Party has for some time wanted the Party's withdrawal.

M. Ramadier told the Congress: "We do not accept participation in the Government. We demand it."—United Press.

German Prisoners In Russia

Bonn, December 14.

Soviet Russia still holds 400,000 German prisoners of war, a West German government official said today.

In addition, more than 1,500,000 German soldiers are still missing, Herr Merten, chief of the war Prisoners' Division of the Refugee Ministry told a Press conference.

He did not indicate how many of these might be held by the Russians.

About 150,000 German civilian women and 25,000 women army helpers are still in Russia, Herr Merten said. About 25,000 Germans are serving with the French Foreign Legion in Indo-China, he added.

Herr Merten reported that the Russians returned 60,000 prisoners of war to Germany in November, 38,000 in October and 42,000 in September. The condition of returning war prisoners has improved, he said, but 35 per cent are still unfit for work.—Associated Press.

SYRIA CABINET RESIGNATION

Damascus, December 13.

The Syrian Prime Minister, Hashem Attassy, tonight submitted the resignation of his Cabinet to the President of the Constituent Assembly.

He was asked to continue in office until a new Cabinet can be formed.—Reuter.

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YUNNAN AND INDO-CHINA

The French High Comissioner in Indo-China has made a prompt and emphatic declaration of policy in regard to any possible entry of Chinese troops into that territory. Vietnam, he said, would deny refuge to any elements liable to affect the security of the frontier regions and good neighbourly relations with adjacent States. This was obviously a reply to the recent Note from the Peking Foreign Minister, Chou En-lai, addressed to adjacent countries, and particularly to France and Vietnam. The Note said that the Communist forces would pursue the Nationalist forces even into adjacent countries if they took refuge there.

Small bodies of Nationalist troops, carrying white flags, have already appeared on the border, and General Pai Chung-hsi is reported to be in Hanoi to negotiate the passage of his troops through Indo-China, presumably to Hainan. He is hardly likely to succeed in his mission, because it has been ruled that any Chinese troops crossing the frontier will be interned. Moreover, any Nationalist ships entering the territorial waters of Indo-China will also be interned.

Happily, the situation in South Western China seems to be clearing up in a manner far less embarrassing to Indo-China and the French forces there than had once been feared. There has been no fighting either in Yunnan or on the border and no mass retreat of Nationalist troops. Most of these, together with the provincial forces, have declared their allegiance to the new Communist regime. If there is any problem at all, it lies with the Peking Government. It has to decide whether to send a large body of its regular troops into Yunnan, or accept the defection of the troops already there, and leave the rest to indoctrination and the posting of trusted officials to the province.

Little more than this seems strictly necessary, for Yunnan has always been an isolated province, by geography and by choice. Firm Communist control of all the adjoining provinces seems sufficient guarantee against misbehaviour. But the Nationalists found it necessary to send a number of their own troops into Yunnan, and the Communists are insisting on their departure and their replacement by some of Liu Po-cheng's troops. Whether they want more than this remains to be seen. If this proves to be the final form of settlement, there will be a real sense of relief in Indo-China, though suspicion and anxiety may take a long time to die down.

It would also allow the next stage in the settlement of the Indo-China question to proceed in a favourable atmosphere. The conflict there has been far more costly in lives and in money than the trouble in Malaya. The people as a whole are sick and tired of the civil war and want peace. They also want independence—and that is true of Vietnam as well as of Vietminh.

The feeling has no doubt been sharpened by the solution of the Indonesian problem, within much the same kind of framework as is provided by the Franco-Vietnam agreement — independence within the Union. The main trouble is that Nationalism in Indonesia is predominantly anti-Communist, while in Vietnam it is largely pro-Communist, with the Moscow-trained Communist leader Ho Chi-minh as its commanding leader.

Many people have been very pessimistic about any early solution, and especially about the standing of the Vietnam provisional regime under the former Emperor Bao Dai. The British Commissioner-General in South East Asia takes a different view. Mr. Malcolm MacDonald recently made a fairly extensive tour of Indo-China. On his return he issued a statement declaring he had seen "impressive evidence" of the steady progress that is being made in the pacification of the country by the French and Vietnamese forces. "In Tonking and Cochin-China," he said,

"I made tours of considerable areas and met the local leaders and people in many towns and villages which were formerly under the control of the Communist-dominated Vietminh, but which now firmly and freely support the Vietnamese Government."

Already Vietnam controls its local and provincial affairs. The transfer of the Central Government of Vietnam is scheduled to follow in due course, but is being held up by tedious negotiations and legal processes. The course of the Indonesian negotiations was no less difficult and tiresome, but in the end a solution was found. There is no need to despair of an ultimate accommodation in Indo-China—provided, of course, Communist China keeps her hands off and seeks peace rather than trouble in this area.

The Confession Of Li Li-san

By A Special Correspondent

The man who was counted upon to oppose Chinese Communist chief, Mao Tse-tung, in the event of a split within the Chinese Communist Party, has publicly confessed his past crime of "leftist adventuristic deviationism."

In a lengthy address before the World Federation of Trade Unions-sponsored conference of Asian and Australasian trade unions which met in Peking, capital of Communist China, Li Li-san referred to the internal struggle of the Chinese Communist Party, in which he had taken a prominent part until forced to yield party leadership to Mao Tse-tung.

When Li returned to China early this year after almost 12 years of exile in Russia, China specialists at first registered amazement, then read deep significance into his return. Desperate Nationalists waited for the old Mao-Li feud to flare up again, hopes which were encouraged when a rather emaciated calf was picked for the prodigal Li: he was only made Labour Minister and Vice President of the All-China Federation of Labour,—a humble post for one who had once held the reins of the Chinese Communist Party.

Put In His Place

In 1927, following the purge of China's Lenin, Chen Tu-hsiu, the greatest single force in the birth of the Chinese Communist Movement, Li Li-san had taken control of the Party. Chen had advocated a go-slow policy of co-operation and compromise with the bourgeoisie. For this crime,—known in Party-jargon as "right-ist deviationism"—he was purged. The Third International put Li Li-san in his place.

However, when Li announced that Marx had made no provisions for the peasant and that the Party would consequently have to concentrate its activities on the towns, dissent became rampant. This "Titoist" reaction against the Moscow-appointed radical was led by Mao Tse-tung.

Mao soon won over the Party to his policy of land-reform as opposed to Li's proposed uprising of an armed proletariat which was to take by force China's industrial centres. Li was labelled a "leftist deviationist," and, following his flight to Moscow, became known as the Chinese Trotsky.

The Moscow Politbureau, livid at the expulsion of its appointee, refused to recognise Mao's pastoral version of Marxism. It was not until two years later that the Third International admitted the existence of a "rural proletariat" and endorsed Mao's land-reform programme as correct.

Rather than lose complete control over the Chinese Communist party, Moscow had stooped to compromise with a rural deviationist: Mao Tse-tung. Li Li-san was forgotten.

Li's Return

Early this year, when the tide of Chinese Communism was victoriously sweeping South, the Chinese Trotsky returned, no doubt a chastened man; for during his Soviet exile he had seen the Russian Communist Party compromise with reality and deviate from the path of orthodox Marxism by adopting a policy of nation-centred Communism: The result of Stalin's victory over Trotsky.

"'Marxism'," Li Li-san quoted, "'is not a dogma but a guide to revolutionary action'."

Admitting defeat and guilt, he said: "... we adventurously organised offensives and openly organised workers strikes and demonstrations, and even armed struggles. As a result, the revolutionary organisations and revolutionary forces in the cities suffered severe damages and destruction, creating terrific losses, and at one time even leading to the destruction of all organisations by the enemy.

"I myself have committed serious mistakes on this question and therefore feel deeply about this historical lesson.

"Later on, owing to the correct leadership of Comrades Mao Tse-tung and Liu Shao-chi (Vice Chairman of the People's Revolutionary Military Council highest authority in Communist China), who sternly criticised this mistake of 'left' adventurism, we found the correct direction:

"Within the Chinese Communist Party," he continued, "a struggle was conducted on two fronts against right opportunism and left adventurism.... The Party obtained the leadership of Mao Tse-tung which united Marxist-Leninist theory with practice in China. The banner of Mao Tse-tung thus became the banner of liberation and victory."

Is this the man who, as some claim, was sent back to China by his Moscow masters to foment internal strife and thus force a weakened Chinese Communist Party back into the arms of the successors to its godmother, the Third International?

Or will Li Li-san live up to the role of the repentant sinner and take to heart the lesson which Mao Tse-tung has taught him, viz. that Marxism is till Marxism even if the proletarian's place is taken by the peasant (the "rural proletarian"), and Marxism therefore ceases to be Marxism and becomes Neo-Democracy?

Catholic Europe

By "WINDRUSH"

Visitors to Central Europe come back with reports of the ever growing political power and activity of the Roman Catholic Church. Perhaps not since the Middle Ages has the Catholic Church been so active politically as at the present time.

Take Western Germany, for example. A visitor to a Dominion priory in the Rhineland sends back a characteristic story. In the library of the priory, while robed Dominican fathers were busy at their studies. They were not reading the Fathers of the Church. Instead they were making a card index of quotations from Marx, Lenin and Stalin—the ammunition for the great Catholic anti-Communist campaign.

The stations of the Cross in the chapel show Christ crucified by soldiers looking uncannily like Russians. Training courses for Catholic Trade Unionists are in constant session at the priory.

The Church is fighting against Communism with every means at its disposal. In Western Germany the atmosphere is favourable to it.

By the division of Germany the Protestant North East fell in the Russian Zone. Thus, in Western Germany, the Catholics formed a high percentage of the total population.

The political prestige of catholicism grew considerably at the end of the war because it was recognised that the Catholics had conducted the most effective resistance inside Germany to Hitler. A very small proportion of Catholic priests compromised with the Nazis, as compared with a deplorably high proportion of Protestant pastors.

Shortage Of Priests

The chief party in the present West German Government, the Christian Democrat Union, has an intimate connection with the bishops of the Rhineland and Bavaria. The one great weakness of the Catholic Church in Germany comes from a shortage of priests. Offsetting this is a revival of devotion amongst the laity, and a great rebirth of intellectual activity among the Catholic orders, especially the Dominicans and Jesuits.

In Italy the present government is preponderantly a "Christian Socialist" one. It is favourably regarded by the Papacy. The parish priests use their influence politically in its favour in a way which would shock Catholics in England.

In the countries further to the East the Catholic Church is on the defensive against the Communist attack. In Hungary it has lost the first battles, largely because of bad tactics by the inexperienced Cardinal Mindszenty. But in spite of its political reverses the Catholic Church in Hungary is by no means broken. In Budapest the number of communicants each Sunday is said to be much in excess of pre-war years.

In Czechoslovakia and Poland the politicians and bishops are circling round each other, each avoiding as yet to come to a decisive grapple. Neither is quite sure what the result would be.

What is the significance of this Catholic revival throughout Europe and what does it promise for the future? It is hard to answer. To some extent its political importance may have been exaggerated. In the East European countries people are looking to the Church, not for political guidance, but for spiritual consolation in a world which they find increasingly unmanageable.

They despair of any good coming out of political action. They seek comfort by contracting out of politics and devoting themselves to a religious life. Much the same kind of thing happened in the ancient world at the time of the decay of the Roman Empire. At that time the disillusioned people turned away from fulfilling their tasks as citizens and became converts to new religious faiths, of which Christianity proved eventually to be the most attractive.

Genuine Power

Nevertheless, the Catholic Church is one of the genuine political powers of Europe today. Its leaders feel themselves called upon to head, or at least to reinforce, the defence against Communism. For this enterprise they have been willing to bring up to date the social and economic theories of the Church. They recognise now that in the 19th century the Church allowed itself to drift into an attitude of hostility to the vital forces of the age. It disliked industrialism and opposed Socialism.

They perceive that where the Church is out of harmony with the fashionable secular thought of the time, it can have little influence on contemporary affairs. They are therefore attempting to harmonise Catholic thought with the most up-to-date ideas of social justice. Hence the development all over the continent of Catholic radicalism and Christian Socialism. By demonstrating that Christianity is consistent with Socialism, they hope to forestall Communism.

Liberals in Europe regard this activity with some alarm. They remember the past record of the Catholic Church. They draw consolation from the fact that often in the past whenever the Catholic Church achieved notable political victories it roused against itself secular forces which held it in check.

Yet, whatever suspicion may be caused by the Catholic Church today, it must be admitted that in one respect its influence is a healthy one in European politics.

Catholicism teaches that, overriding all secular law, stands a God-given moral law. By this, Governments must be judged as well as individuals. This is a valuable corrective to the teachings of Fascists and Communists that the needs of the State overrule all other considerations.

The gist of the position of the Catholic Church was well stated in a recent leading article in the "Times." "The Roman Church is the largest single Christian communion. Behind the iron curtain it provides the only organised representation of the Western tradition in thought and morals. In many countries it is being fiercely persecuted. In Western Europe it has inspired political movements which, fighting under the banner of Christian democracy, have resisted Communism more effectively than the older political parties have done. These facts are sufficient justification for inquiry into the strength and weakness of Vatican policy."

Ballet And Bard Are Cash Hits

By CECIL WILSON

Britain may be down on its uppers, but Britons still have enough life in them to dance and to act. And, it seems, enough of that culture to spare for export.

Consider, first, the fabulous success of the Sadler's Wells ballet company's American tour.

You would think the Americans, with their Agnes de Mille, their "Oklahoma" vitality, and all that good food, could produce their own Fontoyns, Shearers, and Helpmanns without importing a company from Islington. But, no.

At least, so it appears from the royal reception they have lavished on the Sadler's Wells dancers.

Time magazine, in a 4,000-word eulogy of Margot Fonteyn, says the company has restored as much glitter to Britain's tarnished tiara as any mission the English have sent abroad since the war.

New York critics have written of "this brilliant set of ballerinas." They say Sadler's Wells has brought new life to the dance, and all England can be proud of a great artistic achievement.

The cash result of the furore is an all-time box-office record for ballet. It is costing £200,000 to tour the 80 dancers, stage and business staff, but in its four weeks at New York's Metropolitan Opera House the company played to more than 100,000 people and grossed £107,142.

It is now breaking records across the States, and the tour extends to mid-December.

As with the ballet, so with the Bard. For if Sadler's Wells has bowled over the Americans, Stratford-on-Avon is flooring the Australians. Just now the Memorial Theatre Company from Shakespeare's birthplace is getting the sort of welcome—and doing the sort of business—that followed the Oliviers on their Old Vic tour last year.

This is the first time a Stratford company has toured abroad since the present theatre was built in 1932.

'A Smash Hit'

The whole company, headed by Director Anthony Quayle and Diana Wynyard, was flown out there—34 all told, including manager, two stage managers, stage director, carpenter, electrician, wardrobe mistress, and all the costumes for "Macbeth" and "Much Ado About Nothing."

Every passenger cost £500, and shipment of scenery and other production expenses brought the total bill to £35,000 even before the curtain rose.

The tour opened quietly in Melbourne, but within a week Shakespeare had become "a smash hit."

Running costs are £6,000 a week—which means a total outlay of £84,000 before the company flies home on February 1 after 14 week's tour. But last week alone it took £8,000 and it reckons it will just about break even at the finish.

Press Praise

The opening play—John Gielgud's production of "Much Ado"—produced this headline in the "Melbourne Argus": "Shakespeare as we dream of him." The "Melbourne Herald" critic called it "one of the best and most entertaining productions of Shakespeare I have ever seen." The "Melbourne Sun" announced: "A wonderful company has come to town."

There were similar "raves" over Anthony Quayle's production of "Macbeth" with himself in the title role.

It will be Sydney's turn this month. After five weeks there the company moves on for a fortnight in Brisbane and a fortnight in Adelaide. Then home to go almost straight into rehearsal for the 1950 Stratford season—this time with Gielgud playing as well as producing.

Even if the tour does pay its way the stars have already agreed to play for half their normal salaries. They consider that a fair price for the prestige and the thrill of hearing an Australian audience cheer itself hoarse over a cobber called Shakespeare.

"Chifley's government resigns in Canberra."

They probably had a good reason.

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"Reds charge US$7,000 for Ward travels."

This makes Marco Polo look pretty sick.

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Defence counsel for Kostov in the Sofia trial spent more than an hour condemning his client, adding that it was a pity he had not been executed seven years ago.

Kostov's mother is reported to be claiming she should have strangled him at birth.

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Dante feeders.

"The second annual dinner of the society was held last night..."

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According to Myrtle, most men over 35 are either married or singular.

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"Not only does Mrs. MacArthur run the home, but she also appears at some social functions in place of the general. MacArthur, tig, works seven days a week."

Let's keep our personal feelings out of these news reports.

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Don't know what the civil war is coming to. A Nationalist naval captain spurns a bribe of US$500 and calls it a grave insult.

Dash it—how much did he expect, anyway?

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"Shah Swam The While."
Boy! Get me that atlas.

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Some howlers.

A monologue is a conversation between two people, such as husband and wife.

Possession by spirits means feeling like the devil.

The emu is the name of the noise made by a cat.

A comma is what a medium falls into.

A vacuum is an empty space where the Pope lives.

The dome of St. Paul's is supported by eight peers, all of which are unfortunately cracked.

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"Washington woman loses suit to airport restaurant."

There now, Myrtle, you see the dangers of playing strip poker just anywhere?

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Did I tell you about mine?

"Miss Tara is undoubtedly the operation sensation of Europe this season."

CHINESE COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTO BURMA REPORTED

London, December 13.

A monitored broadcast from Toungoo in Central Burma said that Chinese Coummunist forces have already entered Burma and been "warmly welcomed" at a town called Sima, East of Bhamo in Northern Burma, near the Yunnan border.

The Toungoo broadcast said that smaller Chinese Communist forces have crossed the border into Burma from Tonkin Province in Indo-China.

No official confirmation of these reports can be obtained in London.

The situation on the Yunnan border with Burma is described as obscure, but it is probable that there has been Chinese Communist infiltration into the Kachin Hills.

The Communists in Burma are said to have been relatively inactive during the last two months, possibly because they have been compelled to leave the fighting to other factions which have dissipated the strength of the Burmese Prime Minister, Thakin Nu's, army and police forces. Among the leaders of the Communist movement in Burma is the Indian, Goshal, who has contacts with both the Chinese and the Indian Communists.

A broadcast from Laokai, on the Indo-China border with Yunnan, reported that the French troops have been practically withdrawn from the whole of Tonkin Province, except the river delta. The French army's positions close to the Yunnan border are reportedly to have been abandoned, and Tonkin appears to have become virtually a province of Mao Tse-tung's China.

The Communist Vietminh radio said that Chinese Communist troops have no need to penetrate Indo-China, but that the Vietminh leader, Ho Chi-minh, would agree to assistance regarding supplies from the Chinese Communists along the undefended frontier.

There is no report from Siam today, but recent reports indicated that Chinese Communist successes were fostering a widening rift on racial grounds in Siam.

Official figures give the Chinese population of Siam as about 4,000,000. The Chinese control much of the country's wealth, and form a large proportion of Siam's labour force.

The Siamese Government's reluctance to take firmer measures against Communist agitation is said to be due to the presence of the Russian diplomatic mission in Bangkok, which vigorously protests all anti-Communist decrees.

Wedemeyer On Taiwan

Meanwhile, in San Francisco, Lieutenant-General Albert C. Wedemeyer said today that the Chinese Nationalists can hold their Taiwan island base if they govern justly and eliminate graft and corruption.

General Wedemeyer, wartime Commander of American forces in China and one of the best-informed military leaders on Asia, also expressed the belief that the Nationalists could have held all of South China against the Communists if the Chinese people had known what they were fighting for.

The General said that the Chinese do not understand Communism or its dangers.

As for Taiwan, General Wedemeyer emphasised that it is not too late for direct military aid, but said such aid, if given, should be closely supervised.

Taiwan Reform

In Taipeh, it was reported that the first of a series of changes in the Chinese Government's administrative machinery aimed at making Taiwan secure internally as well as externally, is to be announced soon—probably within 10 days.

The basic phases would remove the Island's military chief, General Chan Cheng—concurrently Governor as well as over-all military commander—and put him into into full-time military planning.

Most prominently mentioned as civil governor is Mr K. C. Wu, former Mayor of Shanghai.

Neither will discuss these prospects, but high-level Chinese officials indicated to the United Press that such a move is under consideration.

The new administrative programme plans to give Taiwanese higher administrative positions, but it is doubtful whether they will be given any policy-making positions.

Aim Of Move

The revision of the Taiwanese administration is designed to remove conflicts between the Provincial and Central authorities, and give offices to such officials as can accomplish most with what is left of Nationalist, China.

K. C. Wu's prospects of landing this administrative job were considerably improved by the departure from Taiwan of Mr. Yu Ta-wei, former Minister of Communications, admittedly one of the best administrative officials in Chinese history. Mr. Yu is now in Hong Kong on his way to the United States where he is expected to help in the Central Government's new efforts to obtain U.S. aid.—United Press and Associated Press.

More Light On Mukden Farce

Aboard S.S. Lakeland Victory, December 13.

A member of the American Consulate party from Mukden said today that the "confession" incriminating the Consul-General, Angus Ward, was extorted from him by hours of questioning in the unheated gaol while he was critically ill.

An account of this "confession" was given by Franco Cleogna, aged 31, a former Italian marine in the Tientsin Italian Concession, who was arrested by the Communists in their sweeping campaign against Westerners in Mukden.

The trial in which this "confession" was used was that of nine Japanese and Chinese accused of serving with an American spy ring in Manchuria.

This trial was held separately from the one during which Mr. Ward was convicted for allegedly beating a Consulate employee.

The Vice Consul, William Stokes, aged 27, said that last month's spy trial followed prearranged plans. He was a forced witness at that trial.

Cleogna's confession accused Mr. Ward and others of guilt in the spy case.

He said that the use of the public confession device, similar to other Communist trials, was an intrinsic part of the proceedings.—United Press.

Foreign Investment In Japan

Tokyo, December 14.

The Japanese Trade Minister, Mr. Hotaro Inagaki, stated yesterday that he will soon meet Mr William Draper, former Under-Secretary for the United States Army, now in Japan on private business, for unofficial talks on foreign investment in Japan.

Mr Inagaki said he will touch on such issues as redemption of foreign bonds and hydro-electric development projects which, with cheap electric power possibilities, could be a strong inducement for foreign manufacturers to invest in Japan.

Mr. Inagaki said the attitude of most foreign investors is that large-scale foreign investment cannot be expected until some assurance can be given that Japan is to reorganise her electric industry.

He added that he would like to see such re-organisation costs met possibly from the United States counterpart fund—yen funds from the sale of American dollar aid goods in Japan.—Reuter.

HUNAN RAILWAYS IN OPERATION

San Francisco, December 13.

All rail communications in Hunan Province are now in full operation, Peking Radio reported tonight.

It said that trains on the Hankow-Canton line now run to the Kwangtung border while those on the Changsha-Kweilin route run to the Kwangsi border.—Reuter.

Chinese Delegates In Europe

Bucharest, December 13.

The Chinese workers delegation to the International Transport Workers' Congress arrived today as the session went into its third day.

The seven Chinese delegates, dressed in black uniforms, received a cheer from delegates and spectators as they strode into the chamber.

The delegation was led by Yeh Keh-ming, President of the Chinese Railway Workers Union.

He told the Congress this was the first Chinese labour federation to attend an international parley since the Chinese Popular (Communist) Republic was set up.

Yeh said his union boasts 220,000 out of a total of 400,000 Chinese railway workers.—Associated Press.

RED SHOT AT WEDDING

Rangoon, December 13.

Bo Seik, notorious Communist leader who had been hiding in the Hills for some months, was shot dead during his wedding celebrations at his jungle hideout by Government troops who had been tipped off.—Associated Press.

U.S. Policy In China 'Eccentric'

London, December 13.

The "Manchester Guardian" said today that the United States, in postponing recognition of Communist China, is being "eccentric."

Recognition by Britain, the newspaper said, is now certain and the problem is to concert the formal act with that by the rest of the Commonwealth and perhaps with other Western countries.

"There is no point in waiting for the U.S.," the "Guardian" said, adding that "no great harm will come from disagreement between Great Britain and the U.S. over this issue.

"It does not mean giving a certificate of merit to Communism. Nor by recognition is Great Britain trying to get a start over other countries in commercial relations with China. In postponing recognition in the present circumstances, it is the U.S., not this country, which is being eccentric."—Associated Press.

CHINESE TRADING OUTLOOK

San Francisco, December 13.

An exporter told the Maritime Commission today that when trade with North China is open again "I think we will do the greatest business with China in the history of West Coast shipping."

Harold Brown, senior partner of the Eastern Export Import Company of San Francisco, said that more requests for goods and information about shipping to and from North China were received in the past two months than from the rest of the world during the last two years.

They need everything everywhere, he said.

Mr. Brown was the latest in a series of shippers asking the Commission to approve requests by the Pacific Transport Lines and the Pacific Far East Lines for operating subsidies from the Commission.

Mr. Brown complained that the Atlantic and Gulf Coast shippers enjoy a rate advantage over the Pacific Coast shippers on many items but the West Coast still should enjoy the boom in trade when North China ports are opened.—United Press.

WINTER RELIEF IN PEKING

San Francisco, December 13.

Peking's needy people will not have to pass this winter hungry or cold, according to a broadcast from the Chinese Communist capital tonight.

It said that 550,000 catties of millet and 16,000 cotton suits will be distributed to those in need, the distribution to be undertaken by the Winter Relief Committee.

This relief will be extended to refugees rendered homeless by summer floods, to the unemployed and to poor people.

Widows and widowers who are employed would receive relief in the form of clothes and food as an incentive to greater individual efforts in industrial production, the Radio added.—Reuter.

Election Result May Affect Policy In Japan

Washington, December 13.

Far Eastern Commission representatives believe that the Conservative election victories in Australia and New Zealand will considerably reduce the Allied pressure for changes in American labour policy in Japan.

They point out that the FEC delegates of these two countries, and in particular Australia, spearheaded efforts to get the Commission to adopt a policy calling for "modification" of recent Japanese Diet legislation concerning labour unions.

This legislation was based on directives from General MacArthur's headquarters.

These efforts of the FEC representatives of the Australian and New Zealand Labour Governments had been aimed at softening the law which forbids workers in Government-controlled "public welfare" enterprises such as railroads to either organise or strike.

They also wanted modification of a law which prevents workers in Government monopolies, such as the tobacco industry, from striking although permitting them to organise.

Australia and New Zealand at present have resolutions before the FEC calling for changes in Japanese labour laws. However, Commission officials believe these will not be pushed now that the Labour Governments in both countries have been defeated.

No Action

They think this will mean that there will now be no FEC action on the subject.

The officials admit that Soviet Union also had been most critical of the American labour policy but think Russian efforts in the Commission will be of little effect because of their tactics. The Soviet proposal now before the Commission calls for, firstly FEC "condemnation" of General MacArthur for his labour policy, and secondly flat abrogation of all American-inspired Japanese labour legislation.

The Australians and New Zealanders, while wanting "modification" of the legislation, objected to the Russian condemnation of General MacArthur and also thought that outright abrogation of all labour laws would be chaotic.

The Australian and New Zealand proposals, by virtue of their more moderate approach, had been gaining considerable support in the Commission as a sort of compromise between the two positions.

The FEC consensus prior to the defeat of the labour regimes in Canberra and Wellington was that these proposals might essentially win Commission favour. However, their prediction now is that the FEC will take no positive stand and make no effort to alter the American policy on the subject.—United Press.

FISHING TRAGEDY

Madrid, December 13.

Sixty-four fishermen were today feared lost from three fishing smacks which sank in a violent storm off the North African coast near Ceuta last night.

Rescue ships had by tonight brought back only 11 survivors out of crews totalling 75.—Reuter.

INDIA ACT PASSED IN THE LORDS

London, December 13.

The India (Constitutional Provision) Bill, which embodies adjustments to British law made necessary by India's decision to become a Republic, was given an unopposed passage through the House of Lords today.

It had already been passed by the House of Commons and now only awaits the formal Royal assent to become law.

The Bill ensures that the whole of the existing law will continue to apply to India, Indians and their property as if she had not decided to become a Republic.

Similar provisions will apply in colonial protectorates and British trust territories.

Moving the second reading of the Bill, Viscount Jowitt, the Lord Chancellor, said that the Commonwealth could never claim to have been a wholly logical association of States.

The hall mark of the Commonwealth distinguished it from many other associations of States in the history of the world. There was, and always had been, complete freedom extending to all its members.

"It is idle to pretend that some of us do not regret the formation of a Republic," he added. "Yet all of us recognise India's right to consider her own salvation on whatever lines seem to her best to accord with her history, her traditions and her hopes for the future."

Lord Jowitt said that the legal implications of the new Indian Constitution, which will come into force in January, had to be considered.

The Lord Chancellor said that he regards it as almost certain that in the future India will pass her own legislation dealing with citizenship. He fully contemplates that when she does, Britain will have to look at her own laws and perhaps produce legislation arising out of India's legislation.—Reuter.

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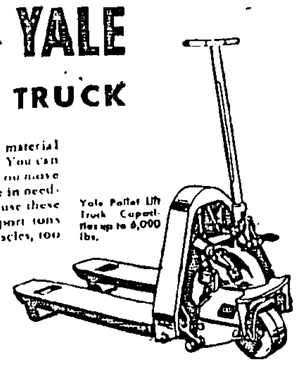

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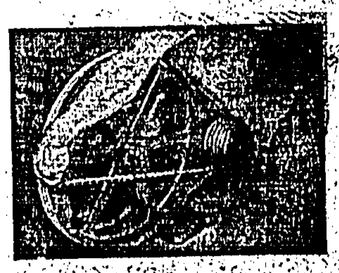

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BRITAIN, COMMONWEALTH PREPARE FOR BIF 1950

Preparations are now proceeding in Britain and the Commonwealth for the 1950 British Industries Fair, to be held in the United Kingdom from May 8 to 19 of next year.

Hong Kong, which impressed greatly with its stand this year, is again expected to send a delegation to the 1950 Fair.

The BIF is a national trade fair. Only manufacturers whose goods are produced within the United Kingdom may exhibit. A Commonwealth section at Earls Court will include representative displays organised by Commonwealth Governments.

In general, the very wide range of industries and trades which have exhibited at the BIF in recent years will be represented at the Fair in 1950. The most notable extension in 1950 will be the addition of a considerable area in the open air section at Castle Bromwich which will accommodate a special display of civil engineering contractors plant.

In continuation of the policy of the textile and clothing industries the major display organised at the last Fair will not be repeated until 1951. Nevertheless, the textile and clothing display now in preparation for BIF 1950 will be one of the largest sections of the Fair, and will be held at Earls Court, London.

It may be convenient for interested trade buyers to note that the London Fashion Fortnight will open on May 30, 10 days after the closing of the British Industries Fair.

Trade Groups

For the convenience of visitors some 90 industries represented at the Fair will be arranged in 20 groups of trades closely allied according to the usual range of buyers' interests. A booklet of floor plans giving the detailed location of each exhibitor will be presented with a catalogue, free of charge, to every overseas buyer on first admission to the Fair.

Advance and final editions of the BIF catalogues are published covering the London and Birmingham sections of the Fair. The advance edition will leave the United Kingdom in February 1950, and will be distributed in limited numbers to United Kingdom Government representatives overseas, for the use of overseas buyers before starting their journey to the Fair.

The final edition of the catalogue will be available only at the entrances to the Fair. Overseas buyers will receive a free copy with their Overseas Buyers Badge. The charge to buyers from the United Kingdom will be 2s. 6d. a copy.

Admission

Trade buyers from overseas presenting an official invitation or a business card at any entrance to the Fair will be given an Overseas Buyers Badge which will secure them free admission to all sections between the hours of opening, 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m., throughout the period of the Fair (except Sunday when the Fair is closed) and from 9.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the last day, May 19.

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Reverse Power For Aircraft

Bringing down a four-engined transport at a 40-degree angle with a forward speed of 190 miles an hour is not the orthodox procedure but a system which takes full advantage of this procedure has been developed by the Propeller Division of the Curtiss-Wright Corporation.

Such a rate of decent, it is believed, would contribute greatly to the safety of high altitude flying as the aircraft could come down quickly and safely in an emergency.

It could also improve the operating efficiency of high altitude aircraft by permitting, for example, a transport with an optimum cruising altitude of 30,000 feet to begin the descent for a landing when only 10 minutes from the landing field instead of 90 minutes out as at present.

G.W. Brady, Curtiss-Wright's chief engineer, and H.O. Fisher, test pilot for the Propeller Division of Curtiss-Wright, have been working on this problem since 1943. It was in that year the Curtiss-Wright perfected reversible propellers for land aircraft, and the question arose as to what would happen if these propellers inadvertently reversed in flight.

Colonel H.M. McCoy of the U.S. Army had tried reversing two inboard engines of an experimental B-17. His reports showed that the stalling speed rose and the aircraft began rattling at an accelerated rate.

Since it is improbable that more than two propellers on a four-engined aircraft would reverse at once, no one attempted to go further than McCoy until Fisher began to speculate as to what would happen if all the propellers of an aircraft reversed at the same time.

He discussed the problem with Brady, and as a result an experimental programme was set up using a C-45 which Curtiss-Wright was operating for the Air Force for test purposes.

Actual tests began in November 1947, using the reverse pitch mechanism which is standard for ground braking. Under these conditions the propeller can travel from a fully advanced position (cruising) of plus 47 degrees through flat pitch or 0 degrees to minus 18 degrees.

Actually, a negative pitch of 18 degrees is too high for braking in the air, and the maximum that is used for this purpose is a minus 8 degrees.

Careful consideration also to be given to the matter of reverse windmilling at low negative pitch. This condition arises when the airstream passing the reversed propellers tries to turn them in the opposite direction. If the pilot is not careful, the engines can be stopped altogether.

For this reason, the throttle is so arranged that when it is pulled past normal during the reversing procedure, full reverse power is applied.

Care had been taken, however, to ensure they had not exceeded the maximum of 2,700 r.p.m. which was established as the upper limit for the Pratt & Whitney R-2000 engine.

Overspeeding could result when the propeller is momentarily in the zero pitch position, where it is neither subject to a load nor to the regulation action of the constant speed governor.

The tendency to over-speed becomes greater as the air speed of the aircraft increases. It was found by these tests that the upper limit of 2,700 r.p.m. was reached on the C-54 at an indicated airspeed of 205 miles per hour. The rate of descent of the C-54 with all propellers reversed is shown in the accompanying diagram together with the corresponding data for the same aircraft making a conventional emergency descent.

At a recent demonstration held for military, airline and government officials, Fisher brought the aircraft down from 15,000 feet at a point four miles from the airport to 1,000 feet above the runway in one minute and 22 seconds. The turn and approach for the landing required another minute and 23 seconds, bringing the total time for let down and landing to two minutes and 05 seconds.

A conventional C-54 which was flying beside Fisher came down for a simulated emergency landing at the same time. This aircraft took four minutes and 48 seconds to reach the ground and it had to descend in a series of spirals. With the reversible propellers Fisher was able to come down in a straight path at an angle of 40 degrees.

Before full reversing of propellers in flight can be applied to the conventional transports, further studies will have to be made on other aircraft and a reversing system will have to be designed specifically for this purpose.

The propeller will have to be equipped for constant speed in reverse as well as in forward pitch. Although the advantages of a quick descent in an emergency are readily appreciated by the airlines, it is not likely that they will instal such systems on their present transports.

The real advantages to be gained only become apparent when descents are to be made from altitudes of 30,000 feet or more.

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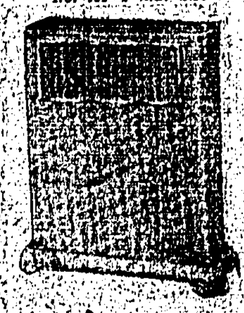

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ISRAEL DEFIANCE OF UN DECISION

Tel Aviv, December 13.

Israel today formally proclaimed Jerusalem its national capital, and the Israeli legislature voted unanimously to hold its next session next week.

This action is in direct defiance of the United Nations which had decided on Friday to internationalise the Holy City.

The Israel Cabinet decided on the move after an all-night session which broke up only shortly before dawn.

The decision was announced to a tense Knesset (Parliament) by the Israeli Premier, Mr. David Ben Gurion.

Mr. Ben Gurion told the Knesset that Israel had always considered Jerusalem its capital, and that the setting up of Government offices in the Tel Aviv suburb of Haktrya had been only temporary. He promised complete religious freedom, and said his Government would continue to safeguard Jerusalem's holy places for all religions.

The Premier then told Parliament "There is nothing to prevent the Knesset from returning to Jerusalem. We propose that you take a decision to that effect."

Parliament voted unanimously to move from Tel Aviv. It will hold its first session in Jerusalem after Hannuka, "the Feast of Light," which Jews will observe this week-end.

The Holy Places

This decision applies only to the "New City" of Jerusalem which is controlled by Israeli troops. The "Old City" is in the hands of King Abdullah of Hashemite Jordan. King Abdullah, like the Israeli Government, opposed the internationalisation plan.

The Israeli Premier said: "We respect, and shall continue to respect, the wishes of all those states which are concerned over the freedom of worship and free access to the Holy Places and religious buildings in Jerusalem."

Mr. Ben Gurion noted that Israel began transferring its Government activities to Jerusalem from a temporary seat in Tel Aviv as the Palestine war tapered off. He also recalled that Parliament had convened in Jerusalem on February 14, 1949, but had been forced to move to Tel Aviv owing to a lack of facilities in the Holy City.

He said: "The required arrangements in Jerusalem now verge on completion, and there is nothing now to prevent the Knesset from returning to Jerusalem.

"In all these arrangements nothing alters in the slightest degree any existing rights in the Holy Places which the Government will respect fully, nor does it alter our consent to effective supervision of these Holy Places by the United Nations, as our delegation declared in the General Assembly."

Action Urged

At Lake Success, Fadhil Al Jamali Foreign minister of Iraq, urged early action by the United Nations Security Council to counter Israel's proclamation of Jerusalem as its capital.

Mr. Jamali, when informed of the action announced in Tel Aviv, told reporters: "I have never believed that Israel was completely sincere toward the United Nations or its principles. I should think that the summoning of the Security Council to take action, would be the next logical step. Although the Iraqi diplomat has not made a formal request to the United Nations for Security Council action, it is believed that the Arab nations who, with the exception of Hashemite Jordan, strongly supported the internationalisation of Jerusalem, probably would seek U.N. sanctions of some sort against Israel.

The Tel Aviv action caught the United Nations by surprise. Sources close to the American delegation expressed surprise, but there was no immediate official comment from them.

A Complication

General Carlos P. Romulo, President of the General Assembly which adjourned last Saturday, said: "This complicates an already complicated situation. Let us hope that goodwill will ultimately prevail."

General Romulo would not comment on the possibility of a special session of the Assembly to consider the Jerusalem problem further. But even before today's action, many delegates had expressed the belief that such a meeting must be held next spring.

The representative of an important small nation said: "This confirms the belief that the U.N. should not have tried to resolve this issue now, but ought to have delayed it until a special session of the General Assembly."—United Press.

ISRAEL-JORDAN PEACE?

Tel Aviv, December 13.

With Israel's defiant snub of the United Nations by announcing the shift of its capital from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem observers see an Israel-Hashemite Jordanian "peace" as likely to result as a "solution" to the Jerusalem problem.

Recent informal talks between Israel an Hashemite Jordan representatives in Lake Success, Paris and Amman on the capital are expected to mature into official agreement.

Both the Jews and the Jordanese oppose the United Nations plan to internationalise the city. Since other Arab states, who have no immediate stake in Jerusalem have been pressing for internationalisation, they have been at enmity with Hashemite Jordan. King Abdullah whose only potential friend now is Israel.

Unofficial exchanges between the two governments have been futile so far because each Government found the other's demands too steep. King Abdullah has insisted on the return of the former Arab towns of Ramle and Lydda, but lately it has been rumoured that he has dropped that bid. He wants a Mediterranean port too.

It is believed here that the atmosphere is generally more conciliatory and a compromise along these lines might be possible:

Israel would give King Abdullah, Fezzan, the principal port of Haifa. The Jews also would open a road from the Arab-held Old City to Jewish-held Bethlehem.

Half of that road now runs through Israeli territory and it has been suggested that some of the parts of Israeli-held modern Jerusalem might be turned over to King Abdullah. In return, Israeli would get Latrun and Mount Scopus.—United Press.

Pakistan Premier's U.S. Visit

Karachi, December 14.

Pakistan's Prime Minister, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, is likely to pay his planned official visit to Washington before he goes to Moscow.

The Prime Minister's long awaited visit to Moscow, announced last June, did not take place last month as had been widely expected, and the date has yet to be fixed.

The sources said that until early May, when President Truman has suggested that Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan should visit the White House, the Prime Minister has a full programme of activities before him.

These include two long sessions of the Constituent Assembly, broken by a spell of four or five weeks beginning late in January.

During this break he is expected by officials here to act as host to the Shah of Persia, Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, who is due to pay a State visit to Pakistan in February.

The sources did not entirely rule out the possibility that the Prime Minister might leave March for Moscow at the end of the budget session in April.—Reuter.

HELICOPTERS TO BE USED IN MALAYA

London, December 13.

The War Minister, Emanuel Shinwell, told Parliament today that three helicopters for evacuating casualties from jungle areas will be available for Malaya by next April.

Mr. Shinwell faced a barrage of critical questions regarding inadequacy of medical services for British forces fighting terrorists in the Malayan jungles.

"It is impracticable to provide surgical facilities for carrying out operations in the immediate vicinity of the fighting and, consequently, it is necessary for casualties to be evacuated to hospitals for surgical treatment," said Mr. Shinwell.

He said also that arrangements have been completed to encourage immediately a number of civilian surgeons for short-term contracts in Malaya and efforts have been made to provide suitable means of air transport from the jungles.

"Various tests have been undertaken and work is now proceeding on modification of these three helicopters to make them suitable for this task."

Pending the arrival of the helicopters, he continued, the effects of delay before surgical treatment would be minimised as far as possible by the use of penicillin.

An Apology

He apologised to the House for the delay in modifying medical services in Malaya, for which he accepted full responsibility.

"Nevertheless," he added, "it must not be assumed that the wounded cannot be taken care of in Malaya. We have experienced no serious difficulty there. Attention has been drawn to the shortage of surgeons, but it must not be assumed that anything serious has resulted from this shortage."

In answer to the deputy Opposition leader, Anthony Eden, Mr. Shinwell said helicopters were ordered last March or April, "but unfortunately it was discovered that the type was unsuitable and modifications would have to be made.

"I cannot hope to procure them before next March or April."—United Press.

America To Make Atomic Weapons For The West

Washington, December 14.

Diplomatic sources today reported that the United States probably will make all atomic weapons for the Western powers under the tentative new agreement.

It will share its atomic knowledge with Britain and Canada.

These tentative plans were accepted during the recent talks among American, British and Canadian representatives in Washington.

No final plan will be accepted until Congress backs up the State Department negotiators.

It is understood, however, that the negotiators all favoured concentrating atomic bomb manufacture in the United States.

This would afford greater protection than if the factories were in Britain, which would be an easy target for aerial attack should another European war develop.

Under the tentative programme, however, the United States will work more closely with Britain and Canada on basic atomic research. The British have complained that American supersecrecy on atomic matters has retarded overall atomic progress of the West.

Congress originally imposed secrecy on American atomic developments.

Uranium Supplies

The State Department and the Atomic Energy Commission are forbidden to give away any of America's atomic information without Congressional approval.

If Congress finally accepts the plans tentatively agreed upon by the American, British and Canadian negotiators, one other problem would disappear.

Britain has been pressing for a greater share of uranium from the Belgian Congo. Although Belgium promised half of uranium production to the United States and half to Britain, most of it has been coming to the United States.

Britain presumably would agree to continuing this arrangement and the United States would get the greater bulk of the ore for production of weapons.—United Press.

Britain Keeps It A Secret

London, December 14.

Whether Britain can manufacture the atomic bomb is still an official secret today.

The Supply Minister, R. G. Strauss, told the House of Commons that it would not be in the public interest to disclose the answer.

Asked why it was against public interest, since it is known that the United States and the Soviet Union can make it and neither thinks it is inconsistent with their public interest to have those facts known, Mr. Strauss did not reply.—United Press.

Japanese Shipping Rumours

Tokyo, December 14.

Shipping interests expect an early decision by General MacArthur's Headquarters allowing them to carry goods insured in foreign currencies, according to the Japanese Press.

British circles describe the reports as a revival of rumours that have been readily circulating in Japanese circles for the last three months.

A reliable foreign shipping source said General MacArthur's Headquarters is considering establishing a substantial dollar fund to be available to approved Japanese marine insurance underwriters undertaking insurance of foreign goods carried in Japanese ships.—Reuter.

BRITISH STAND ON ERITREA

London, December 13.

In connection with the Italian protest to the British Government against attacks on Italians in Eritrea by the local population, usually reliable circles today predicted that, in face of the delicate situation in Eritrea, the British Government is unlikely to interfere with Ethiopia to the degree desired by some Italians.

Britain has already made representations to Addis Ababa, it is understood, and any further British move will have to take into account the Ethiopian contention that the reported bandits are not inhabitants of Ethiopia.

Britain's position is regarded as complicated by the fact that, while officially attempting to be neutral, British policy in the past has openly urged the cession of the greater part of Eritrea to Ethiopia.

British official arguments moreover, as revealed by Count Sforza after an interview in Rome yesterday with the British Ambassador, Sir Victor Mallet, regard the Italians in Eritrea as contributing to the present trouble by their political activities.

A British official said today that he personally thinks, the trouble in Eritrea is a bad augury for the coming return of Italy to Italian Somaliland.—Reuter.

FOREIGN BANKS IN JAPAN

Tokyo, December 14.

Nine foreign banks in Tokyo have had "tentative discussions" with American and Japanese financials on obtaining licences to trade as domestic banks in Japan.

A British banking official said though the talks are only in the very early stages, licences are likely to be issued to nine foreign banks early next year.

The foreign banks will then be on a similar basis to Japanese banks—Japanese could open bank accounts with the money they were legally entitled to handle and conduct any authorised business through the foreign bank that is allowed to a Japanese domestic bank.—Reuter.

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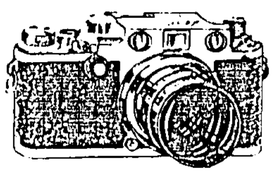

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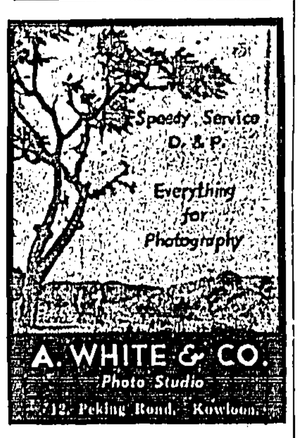

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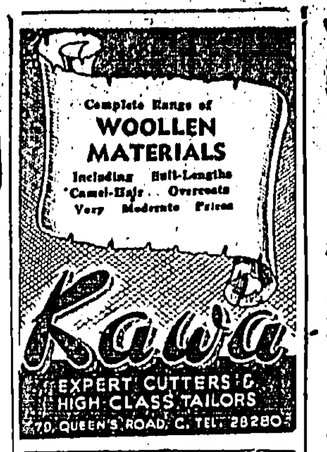

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Americans Worried By New PI Quotas

New York, December 13.

American exporters have been disheartened by the extent of the cuts in import quotas imposed by the Philippine Government, says Mr. Joseph A. Sinclair, Director of the World Trade Department of the Commerce and Industry Association of New York.

Mr. Sinclair said that although the cuts were not entirely unexpected, the percentage, which varies from 50 to 95 per cent, was surprising to exporters.

The Association has protested against the recent restrictions imposed by the Philippine Government on import quota and credit facilities.

On Thursday, in the Association headquarters, Mr. Patten D. Allen, Commercial Attache of the American Embassy in Manila, will discuss economic conditions and import controls in the Philippine.

"The recent imposition of new and more restrictive import controls by the Philippines makes Mr. Allen's discussion particularly timely," Mr. Sinclair said.

"The Association has been in communication with the Philippines Government through Mr. Jose P. Melencio, Consul-General in New York, and through the U.S. State Department, seeking to have some of the restrictions removed, or at least deferred because of the short notice given when they were decreed."—Associated Press.

Hoover's Call For Crusade

Washington, December 13.

The former president, Mr. Herbert Hoover, yesterday urged the people of the United States to join him "in a crusade to make democracy work."

Mr. Hoover made his appeal in a nationwide radio address speaking before 700 at a meeting of the National Citizens Committee gathered to promote a reform-the-Government organisation as recommended by the Hoover Report.

He said adoption of eight reforms in the Federal Government would save $2,000,000,000 yearly, stop higher taxes and inflation and preserve the American system against collapse and Communism.

Mr Hoover asserted that a reduction in Government costs is necessary to win the cold war at present being waged "at a frightful cost" and the way to reduce cost is to reduce waste and "defer some Government ventures."

The former President added: "By these reforms and self-denials we can help disappoint Mr. Stalin."—United Press.

Paris, December 13.

Mlle Marthe Pineau, a French nurse at La Rochelle, Western France, claims to be the world's record blood-donor. She underwent her 330th blood transfusion a few days ago and has given 50½ gallons of her blood.—Reuter.

MONTY PROPOSES AN ARMY FOR GERMANY

New York, December 13.

The New York tabloid, "Daily Compass," said today that Field-Marshal Viscount Montgomery, at private meetings during his visit here, proposed the re-armament of Germany with "a few divisions" in the next two years.

The paper said that Lord Montgomery, who is Chairman of the Western Union Defence Committee, made the proposal at secret off-the-record talks with about 60 leading Wall Street, banking and industrial executives.

He repeated it at a meeting sponsored by the unofficial but authoritative Foreign Policy Association and before business groups in at least two other confidential sessions.

The newspaper gave this summary of the Field-Marshal's proposals:

"The Germans will never be satisfied with a divided Germany of limited sovereignty oven with a restored industry and ample dollar aid. They will only settle for arms and restoration of their General Staff. Whoever supplies them with arms under proper control will have them on their side when a war comes. For that reason the West must re-arm Germany, though not completely. To maintain control an air force should be withheld.

"Since such steps take time the preparation of public opinion to support such a move should begin immediately. Moreover, if the decision to re-arm Germany were announced today, the Russians would have to strike immediately. Little resistance could be offered the Russians at this time, and so such a development would be 'very awkward'.

At Once

"Planning of a re-armed Germany, however, does not have to await public opinion. Such planning should be begun at once by the Allied Governments.

Montgomery also warned that Western Europe expects more from the United States and Britain than aid in re-arming.

"It expects troops as well as munitions to match with its armies. The nations of Western Europe have little confidence in Anglo-American intention to fight side by side with them, he declared," the "Daily Compass" said.

In Cleveland, Mr. Paul G. Hoffman expressed belief that United States defence costs would reach $30,000,000,000 annually if Western Europe should go Communist. Such costs now are about $15,000,000,000.

Speaking before the Cleveland Council on World Affairs, the Director of the Economic Co-operation Administration said the Communists' plan for Western Europe can be blocked permanently by strengthening the free nations of Europe.

Still In Danger

War might be avoided, Mr. Hoffman said, even if Western Europe should come under the control of the Kremlin "but the best we could hope for would be an uneasy and jittery peace."

He went on to call for continued American aid to Marshall plan countries in an address which indicated the position ECA plans to take in asking Congress for additional billions to finance the programme in the fiscal year starting next July 1.

"If nations now free should become satellite 'police states,'" Mr. Hoffman said, "only one course of action would be open to us. We would have to increase sharply our defence expenditures."

Mr. Hoffman said that American dollars sent abroad under the Marshall plan have enabled much of Europe to achieve sufficient recovery and political stability to resist Communism's threat.

"But not for one moment does this mean that Europe is out of danger," he added.

Mr. Hoffman said a strong and prosperous Europe is essential if Russia is to be defeated permanently in what he called its "evil plans for world conquest."—Reuter and Associated Press.

BRITONS KILLED IN CRASH

Karachi, December 13.

It was confirmed officiall tonight that all the 26 person aboard the Pakair Dakota die when the plane crashed into hill near Karachi last night.

A search party which reache the wreckage today reported tha there were no survivors.

The passenger list showed tha there were two Britons aboard addition to five Middle East dele gates to the Islam economic con ference, and one German.

The complete passenger list:

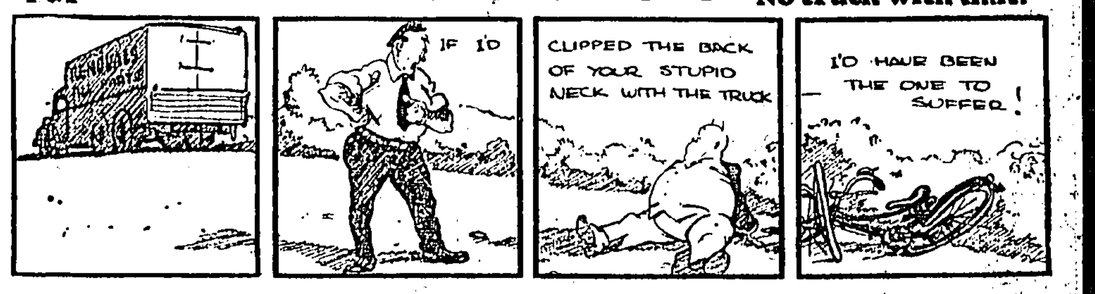
Mr. Len Mitchell, and Mr Bergle (British); Mr. Palusse (German); Fayez Lalati (Syria Shafig el Khatib (Egypt); M haamsed Ibn Abud (Morocco Al Hammani (Algeria); Hab Thamer (Tunisia); Mr. and Mr Din Mohammed; Major-Gener and Mrs. Iftikhar Khan and the infant daughter; Lala Murli Dha and Mrs. Murli Dhar; Mr. Yakt Mr. Shor Ali; Mr. Rana Mohan med Sidiq; Brigadier Sher Kha Mr. Mohammed Niaz; and M Mushtaq Ali.

The members of the crew we Captain Farooqi; Co-pilot S leem; Radio Officer Berby; a the air hostess, Margaret Drake.

Lala Murli Dhar, a director the Lyallpur Cotton and Text Mills of Pakistan, is a son of Indian industrialist, Sir Shri Ra —Reuter.

Berlin, December 13.

Presents for Marshal Stalin 70th birthday made by East Ge tin workers in voluntary ove time shifts included 4,0 cigars, 30 telephones and a p into-peeling machine.—Reuter.



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"SHENGKING"	Keelung	5 p.m. 20th Dec.*
"FOOCHOW"	Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	5 p.m. 20th Dec. 26th Dec.
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Ward's Ship Leaves Taku Bar

Aboard Lakeland Victory, Taku Bar, December 14.

This ship carrying the Mukden Consul-General, Mr. Angus Ward, and his party from Red-held China, pulled anchor today shortly after noon. The ship is expected to arrive in the South Korean port of Pusan at noon on Friday.

Although it was not certain it was believed the Lakeland Victory, carrying Mr. Ward and 19 others who were ordered out of Mukden, would proceed to the port of Yokohama, Japan, on Sunday night or Monday morning.

The departure of the ship from this Communist port was delayed a few minutes by a policeman who claimed that someone took a photograph of him and demanded that it be turned over.—Associated Press.

Property Case Dismissed

Mr. Justice Williams, Senior Puisne Judge, yesterday dismissed an action for a declaration that plaintiffs were entitled to a certain property, when he found there was no clear evidence of an alleged fraud against the defendant.

Plaintiffs were Yeung Shu-cheung and Yeung Lai-chiu, both of 43 Wing On Street, ground floor, who were represented by Mr H. G. Sheldon, KC, instructed by Mr. F. H. Loseby.

Mr. Leo d'Almada, KC, on the instructions of Mr. S. N. Quinn, appeared on behalf of the defendant, Mrs Ng Lai-king, of 175 Portland Street, third floor.

Plaintiffs, in addition to seeking a declaration in respect of Inland Lot No 5448 and the buildings thereon known as 23 Yiu Wa Street, Hong Kong, also asked for an order that the defendant do everything necessary to convey the property to plaintiffs.

Plaintiffs claimed they bought the property in 1943 from one Chan Ng-shi and sold it to one Wu Chung-yu in 1945. When Wu went to collect rents from the tenants in June 1948, it was alleged, he was told by them that the place had been bought by the defendant. Wu then told this to plaintiffs, who repaid him the purchase price of the property, and became the beneficial owners of the property, it was alleged.

In 1948, one Chan Kwan-shi made a false statutory declaration in which she declared that the Crown Lease of the property concerned had been stolen by robbers, it was stated.

The defendant in defence contended that in May 1948, Chai Ng-shi sold the property to her free from encumbrances, whereupon she became the sole beneficial owner.

CHICAGO GRAINS

Chicago, December 13.

December wheat and March corn reached new seasonal highs today. Wheat closed 1/8 to -7/8 higher.

December ...	$2.22 3/4-13 1/4.
March ...	$2.21 1/2-5/8.
May ...	$2.15 3/8-1/4.
July ...	$1.96 7/8-5/8.
September ...	$1.96 1/4.

Corn 3/8 to 2 cents higher.

December ...	$1.31 7/8-32.

Oats 3/8 to 7/8 higher.

December ...	.77 5/8.

Rye 0/4 higher 1/4 lower.

December ...	$1.42.

Soybeans 1/4 higher to 1/2 lower.

December ...	$2.30 to 30 1/4.

COMMENCING SATURDAY AT THE ROXY

NO COMPETITION FOR BRITISH CLOTHIERS

British manufacturers of hats and clothing can definitely hold their own against their American counterparts. In fact, there is no competition at all for Britain in this category of world commerce.

This is the opinion of Mr. J. Shorn, Managing Director of M. Baskin Clothiers Limited, Bute St., Luton, who is touring world markets to promote business and who arrived here yesterday for the first time by the mv. City of Coventry from Manila.

"I have visited some American cities and have been very much impressed by the exorbitant prices of articles which we can easily sell at a very much lower level," the globe-trotting businessman, who is accompanied by his wife, said when interviewed aboard the newly-launched British cargo liner, which is making her maiden voyage in Far Eastern waters.

To illustrate his conviction, Mr. Shorn, one of three passengers to arrive here by the City of Coventry, pointed out that the best hand-made "Harris" tweed can sell at £6. 0. 0. which is a peak price. This would come to about US$17 or US$18. With freight, profit and other incidental expenses, the material can be sold at peak price for US$50.

"But in the United States, it is about US$200," Mr. Shorn said.

British manufacturers are satisfied with a five per cent profit while British shopkeepers will accept a 25 per cent margin.

"But the Americans want higher percentage, which evidently accounts for the high prices prevailing now," he added.

British businessmen are willing to sell to the American markets and reception at the other end has been very warm.

Cuts Both Ways

The devaluation of the pound sterling cuts both ways in affecting Anglo-American trade, the business executive remarked.

"It has had good results in one way. In our clothing-manufacturing field we do not buy from the gold bloc. In this way we are able to sell at a much lower rate and with satisfactory profit," he said.

However, raw materials for British-manufactured "panamas" have to be obtained from South America.

"Still we are able to maintain our low cost. For example, when we were in Manilla, a panama which costs about 10 shillings, (about three pesos) was selling at 25 pesos," he declared.

Mr. Shorn revealed that his firm has been doing business with Hong Kong. "Whiteaway, Laidlaw here has been our good connection," he said.

"I am on an inspection tour and will study local conditions at the ports of call.

"Hong Kong is one of my main areas and we hope to expand business on a considerable scale," he said.

Asked whether the favourable results of devaluation could make up for the unfavourable results, Mr. Shorn replied: "I am in the hats and clothing business and can tell you definitely that British manufacturers in his field can easily hold their own. But as regards other business, I wouldn't know."

RADIO

Radio Hong Kong broadcasts on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

H.K.T.

P.M.

12.30—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.
12.32—Enric Madrigbera and His Orchestra.
12.45—Light Variety with Paul Weston and His Orchestra. Vocal: Dinah Shore and Dean Martin.
1.15—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25—"From the Shows".
2.00—Close Down.
6.00—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.
6.02—"I was There"—"The Draining of the Fens". A B.B.C. Broadcast for Schools. (BBCTB)
6.25—Organ Recital by Dr. W. H. Harris. From St. George's Chapel, Windsor. (BBCTB)
6.50—Le Demi-heure Francaise. (Studio)
7.00—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)
7.15—Sports Preview.
7.30—Variety Bandbox.—From the Cambridge Theatre, London (BBCTB)
8.00—"From the Editorials". (London Relay)
8.10—"It's Dancing Time"—with the Dance Orchestra of 1st Batt. the Buffs. (Relay from the Forces Education Centre, Kowloon)
8.40—"At the Opera" Verdi: "Rigoletto" Act 1. With the Principal Members of the Chorus and Orchestra of La Scala Milan. Conducted by Carlo Sabajno.
9.35—Jay Wilbur String Ensemble.
10.00—Radio News Reel. (London Relay)
10.15—Weather Report.
10.16—"Book Talk"—By Ruth Kirby. (Studio)
10.30—"Thursday Serenade"—Arranged by Betty Brown. A Programme of Continuous Music.
11.00—"Soft Lights and Sweet Music".
11.15—Weather Report, World and Home News from Britain. (Recorded London Relay)
God Save the King.
11.30—Close Down.

Former Gov't Employees In Court

Further evidence was taken before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday in the case against four former Government employees who are facing charges of larceny and aiding and abetting larceny of 130 bags of Government rice worth more than $24,000.

The defendants are: Ho Wai-lam, alias William Ho, cargo supervisor of the Department of Supplies and Distribution, Rice Section; Ho Tin-sing, son of Ho, tally clerk at the Rice Section, charged with stealing the rice; Cheung Lun, cook at the Hip Yick Rice Depot; and Cheung Kwan, shop coolie at the Depot, charged with aiding and abetting in the theft of the rice.

Mr. M. A. da Silva and Mr. A.S.C. Coomber are representing the first and second defendants, respectively, while the rest are not legally represented.

After Chan Woon, former chauffeur to Ho, was recalled to the witness stand and cross-examined by defence counsel in the morning and part of the afternoon, Lau Wing, lorry driver employed by the Kuen Wah Company, a trucking firm, was called to give evidence.

Witness said that at 3 p.m. on September 23 he was in Mongkok Road with his truck when he was approached by several people in a private car to transport something. He told the men that he had already got an order but half an hour later the car came back and one of the men told him that it would not take him long to do the job.

At Jordan Road one of the men alighted from the civilian car in which he was following and got into his lorry giving him directions where to go. They entered godown No. 38B of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company where, he alleged, between 45 and 46 bags of rice were loaded on to his lorry. He was told that a man, whom he identified in court as the third defendant, would go with him to their destination.

Hearing was adjourned until tomorrow.

Rediffusion

A.M.
7.00—Up With The Sun.
7.15—Setting Up Exercises.
7.30—Musical Clock.
7.45—The Ronson Lighter Programme.
8.00—News And Weather Forecast.
8.15—Music By Magnante.
8.30—Morning Music.
9.30—Console & Keyboard.
10.00—Music For All.
11.00—The Four Knights.
11.15—Waltz Time.
11.30—Parade of Rhythm.
P.M.
12.00—H.K. Stock Exchange.
12.15—Tune Time.
12.32—From Films.
1.00—Light Variety.
1.15—News.
1.30—Orchestra Of The Week.
2.00—Variety Calls The Tune.
4.00—Official Opening Ceremonies—Exhibition of Chinese Products.
4.30—Vocally Yours.
5.00—Music Makers.
5.15—Children's Corner.
5.30—Movie Time.
6.00—Music by Paul Weston.
6.15—Men Behind The Melody.
6.30—Norman Cloutier and his Memorable Music.
7.00—B.B.C. News.
7.15—Smile Awhile.
7.30—"Song Souvenirs".
7.45—Listen to Leibert.
8.00—Let's Waltz.
8.15—The Sweetwood Serenaders.
8.30—Rediffusion Request Show.
9.00—B.B.C. News.
9.10—Local News.
9.15—South Americana.
9.30—Rediffusion Concert Hall.
10.00—Murder Scrapbook—"Once Upon A Time".
10.15—Radio Rhythm Club".
10.45—Callender's Band.
11.15—"Music In Miniature".
11.45—Stardust.
12.00—Close Down.

Amendments Passed At Reform Club Meeting

(Continued From Page 1)

Mr. Loseby referred to the difficulties of Government peculiar to Hong Kong, with a handful of residents and a multitude of guests—welcome guests and honoured guests but still guests, having no intention to be anything else.

Britain's Representative

He said the Club should make plain its view that Hong Kong owed everything to the fact that it was the representative of Britain in the China seas. Without that connection Hong Kong has no future.

"I see no value in the Club if it is to be but a pale appendage of the Chinese Reform Club which did its utmost to frustrate our first effort in the matter of constitutional reform," said Mr. Loseby.

Referring to constitutional reforms Mr. Loseby said recommendations from England involving an early election and constitutional changes of importance would soon be received.

"Why commit ourselves to a detailed programme until we know what they are? Delay until we are sure of our own minds as to the constitutional changes involved," urged Mr. Loseby.

Speaking of Hong Kong's peculiar circumstances Mr. Loseby said he was firmly convinced that this Colony is the last place in the world in which to experiment with the suffrage. The vote should be given only to British subjects.

"Do not take a wrong turn at cross-roads just because you have insufficiently checked up your place of destination," said Mr. Loseby as he finally urged members to refer back the platform for further consideration.

Opposes Proposal

Opposing Mr. Loseby's proposal, Mr. Marcus da Silva said the Club was not making a wrong turn if it adopted the platform.

"I cannot understand why we have to know what constitutional changes will take place before we can say what we want for the people of Hong Kong. The Reform Club are forerunners of everything that stands for sincerity and idealism coupled with realism, and I am certain that no one will accuse us or myself of being a putrefied appendage dangling from the body of the Chinese Reform Association," said Mr. Silva.

The meeting was called to consider the platform, and they could adopt it in entirely, hack it up, or slip something off, as they wished. And when the newly elected committee come in, it will consist of new members who are here to shape the platform.

"Do it now: do not procrastinate. We have been restricted to vague generalisations so far: it's time we get down to brass tacks, nail our flag to the mast, whatever that flag may be, bravely and sincerely," urged Mr. Silva.

The meeting was, however, unable to complete its business, as time was up, and it was adjourned to 5.30 p.m. tomorrow at the same place, the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden.

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FULL TEXT OF PI BAN ON DEALINGS IN GOLD

Manila, December 13.

The following was the full text of Circular No. 20 issued on Friday, December 9 by the Central Bank relative to restrictions on gold and foreign exchange transactions.

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Republic Act No. 265 (Central Bank Act) the Monetary Board, by unanimous vote and with the approval of the President of the Philippines, and in accordance with Executive and International Agreements to which the Republic of the Philippines is a party, hereby restricts sales of exchange by the Central Bank and subjects all transactions in gold and foreign exchange to licensing by the Central Bank.

2. Transactions in the assets described below and all dealings in them of whatever nature, including, where applicable, their exportation and importation, shall not be effected, except with respect to deposit accounts included in sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) of this paragraph, when such deposit accounts are owned by, and in the name of, banks.

(a) Any and all assets, provided they are held through, in or with banks or banking institutions located in the Philippines including money, cheque, drafts, bullions, bank drafts, deposit accounts (demand, time and savings); all debts, indebtedness or obligations, financial securities commonly dealt in by bankers, brokers and investment houses, notes, debentures, stocks, bonds, coupons, bank acceptances, mortgages, pledges, liens or other rights in the nature of security expressed in foreign currencies, or if payable abroad, irrespective of the currency in which they are expressed, and belonging to any person, firm, partnership, association, branch office, agency, company or other unincorporated body or corporation residing or located within the Philippines;

(b) Any and all assets of the kinds included and/or described in sub-paragraph (a) above, whether or not held through, in, or with banks or banking institutions, and existent within the Philippines, which belong to any person, firm, partnership, association, branch office, agency, company or other unincorporated body or corporation not residing or located within the Philippines.

(c) Any and all assets existent within the Philippines including money, cheques, drafts, bullions, bank drafts, all debts, indebtedness or obligations, financial securities commonly dealt in by bankers, brokers and investment houses, notes, debentures, stocks bonds, coupons, bank acceptances, mortgages, pledges, liens or other rights in the nature of security, expressed in foreign currencies, or if payable abroad, irrespective of the currency in which they are expressed and belonging to any person, firm, partnership, association, branch office, agency company or other unincorporated body or corporation residing or located within the Philippines.

Daily Sales

3. No foreign payments may be effected, except for merchandise imports (including cost, insurance and freight) not sent on consignment or open account or against D/P and D/A collection bills, and provided that the provisions of Executive Order No. 295 and Central Bank Circular No. 19 of November 17, 1949 have been duly complied with.

4. (a) All receipts of foreign exchange shall be sold daily to the Central Bank by those authorised to deal in foreign exchange by any person, firm, partnership, association, branch office, agency, company or other unincorporated body or corporation shall be sold to the authorised agents of the Central Bank by the recipients within one business day following the receipt of such foreign exchange. Any person, firm, partnership, association, branch office, agency, company or other unincorporation body or corporation, residing or located within the Philippines, who acquires on and after the date of this Circular foreign exchange shall not, unless licensed by the Central Bank, dispose of such foreign exchange in whole or in part, nor receive less than its full value, nor delay taking ownership thereof except as such delay is customary; provided, further, that within one day upon taking ownership, or receiving payment, of foreign exchange the aforementioned persons and entities shall sell such foreign exchange to designated agents of the Central Bank.

(b) No person, firm, partnership, association, branch office, company or other unincorporated body or corporation residing or located within the Philippines shall purchase foreign exchange, directly or indirectly, except from or through authorised agents of the Central Bank.

(c) Any person, firm, partnership, association, branch office, agency, company or other unincorporated body or corporation residing or located within the Philippines, desiring and/or intending to export goods, merchandise and/or commodities from the Philippines, if collection of the proceeds of the sale thereof is not to be handled by or through a bank of Manila which is authorised to deal in foreign exchange, shall, prior to shipment, obtain a licence from the Central Bank of the Philippines which will have the purpose of insuring the lawful disposal of the foreign exchange proceeds of the goods, merchandise and/or commodities exported.

Returns In 60 Days

5. No such obligation or liability expressed in foreign currencies, or if payable abroad, irrespective of the currency in which it is expressed, shall be incurred from the date of this Circular for the purpose of effecting a transaction of, transactions other than those specifically authorised by this Circular, except that in the normal course of business such debt, obligation or liability may be incurred for imports permitted under paragraph 3 above.

6. Within 60 days after the date of issue of this Circular all persons, firms, partnerships, associations, branches, agencies, companies or other unincorporated bodies or corporations residing or located in the Philippines holding, owning or having an interest in the assets described in paragraph 2 above shall submit complete information concerning such assets to the Central Bank: those residing or located outside the Philippines shall submit this information to the Central Bank within 180 days after the date of this Circular. Appropriate forms on which to submit the required information will be issued by the Central Bank, and notice is hereby given that this information will apply to the status of the relevant assets as of December 9, 1949.

7. All banks incorporated or licensed to operate in the Philippines are hereby designated as agents of the Central Bank and as such are hereby authorised to deal in foreign exchange as permitted by the terms of this Circular, or in those which may be issued hereafter.

8. Strict observance of the provisions of this Circular is enjoined, and any person, firm or corporation, foreign or domestic, who, being bound to do other-

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N.Y. Stock Exchange

New York, December 13.

The stock market reached a new 1949 high in the year's fastest trading today. In most cases, closing prices were best for the day.

Gains ranged from fractions to around a point—with a startling exception in Superior Oil of California, up 33 ½ points.

Benguet Consolidated Mining was among the most active stocks gaining ¼ to 1-¾. Also up were Santa Fe, U.S. Rubber, American Woolleh, U. G. Gypsum.

Among the black spots were Goodrich, Allied Chemical.

Dow Jones averages:

Stocks 70.34, 20 Industrials 100.-01, 15 Rails 51.20, 10 Utilities 40.50.

Closing quotations:

Adams Express 22¾
Alaska Juneau 3
American Can 98¾
American Smelting 55¾
American Telephone 140½
American Tobacco 76½
American Waterworks 7⅞
Anaconda Copper 29
Aviation Corp. 5½
Baldwin Locomotive 16¾
Barnsdall 54
Bendix Aviation 37
Bethlehem Steel 32
Boeing Aircraft 24
Borden Co. 48¼
Canadian Pacific 14⅞
J. I. Case 39½
Chrysler 65
Colgate 42⅛
Commercial Solvents 19¾
Corn Products 67⅝
Du Pont 61¾
Eastman Kodak 47⅛
General Electric 42
General Motors 70¼
Goodrich 69⅝
Goodyear 43⅝
Homestake Mining 44¾
International Harvester 29
International Paper 68½
International Tel & Tel 9¾
Johns Manville 40⅛
Kennecott Copper 50⅜
Montgomery Ward 54¼
National Distillers 22⅛
National Lead 26½
New York Central 10⅜
Packard Motors 4
Pan American Airways 8⅝
Pennsylvania RR 14¾
Radio Corp. 13¼
Remington Rand 11⅛
Republic Steel 23⅜
Reynolds Tobacco 39¼
Schenley 30½
Sears Roebuck 43⅛
Shell Oil 37⅝
Socony Vacuum 16½
Southern Pacific 48⅞
Standard Brands 21½
Standard Oil of Calif. 65½
Standard Oil of N. J. 68⅞
Studebaker 25⅛
Union Bag 27
Union Carbide 44¾
US Rubber 36
US Steel 20⅝
US Lines 15¾
Westinghouse 31⅞
Youngstown Sheet & Tube 76¼
Gen. Pub. Utilities 40⅜

Railroad bonds advanced for the 12th consecutive session. Up in the curb were Raytheon, Salt Dome Oil, Cities Service.—Associated Press.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

CONSIGNEES PER HARBER-WILHELMSEN LINE

M.S. "TALISMAN"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co's godown where it will be at consignees risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on December 20, 1949.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after December 21, 1949 will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before December 28, 1949 or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.
Agents.

Hongkong, Dec. 15, 1949.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

Consignees Per

S.S. "BENCRUACHAN"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s godown, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke, at 10 a.m. on December 16, 1949.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after December 19, 1949, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before December 31, 1949, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

W. R. LOXLEY & CO. (CHINA), LTD.
Agents.

Hong Kong, Dec. 12, 1949.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

M.V. "CLYTONEUS"

Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed at Holt's Wharf between 10 a.m. and noon on December 15 and 16, 1949 and consignees are required to have their representatives present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hong Kong, Dec. 12, 1949.

H.K. Stock Exchange

A quiet but very steady morning's business.

H.K. GOVT. LOANS
4½ Loan 104½.
3½% Loan (1934 & 1949) 100b.
3½% Loan (1948) 101½b.

BANKS
H.K. & S. Bank, 1510b, 1545a, 1585sa.
" (Loa, Rcd.) £85½n.
Chartered Bank £10 3/16n.
Mercantile Bank A. & B. £22½n.
Bank of East Asia 195b.

INSURANCES
Canton Ins. 365b.
Union Ins. 672½b, 685a, 677½sa.
China Underwriters 5⅝n.
H.K. Fire Ins. 210b.

SHIPPING
Douglases 200n.
H.K. & M. Steamboats 17n.
Indo Chinas (Pref.) 89½n.
" (Def.) 200n.
Shells (Bearer) 97/6n.
Union Waterboats 26½n.
Asia Nav. 110b, 115sa.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, Etc.
H.K. & K. Wharves 174b, 178sa.
North Point Wharves 6n.
Shanghai Hongkew Wharves 15b, 16sa.
H.K. Docks 18⅝sa.
China Providents 12.50b, 13a.
Shanghai Dockyards 8⅝b.
Wheelocks 91½b, 93a.

MINING
Raub Mines 5.70b.
H.K. Mines 61½n.

LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.
H. & S. Hotels 15.25b, 15.50a.
H.K. Lands 48b.
Shanghai Lands 2.20b, 2½a.
Humphreys 10½b.
H.K. Realties 2.10n.
Chinese Estates 140n.

PUBLIC UTILITIES
H.K. Tramways 16b, 16.40a.
Peak Trams (Old) 76b.
" (New) 9½n.
Star Ferries 92½n.
C. Lights (Old) 12⅝n.
" (New) 9.70a.
H.K. Electrics 31b, 32a.
Macao Electrics 22½n.
Kowloon Lights 80b.
Telephones 20b, 29½a.
Shanghai Gas 14½n.

INDUSTRIALS
Cahl. Macao (Ord.) 61a.
Canton Ices 3½n.
Cements 24½n.
H.K. Ropes 17a.

STORES, Etc.
Dairy Farms 48½b, 44/43½sa.
Watsons 48½a.
L. Crawfords X.D. 19n.
Sincere 4.40n.
China Emporium 10b.
Sun Co., Ltd., X.D. 2.55n.
Kwong Sang Hong 102b.
Wing On (H.K.) 42a.
Wm. Powell, Ltd. 9½n.

MISCELLANEOUS
China Entertainments 16.10b.
H.K. Constructions (Old) 2.40n.
" (New) 1.80n.
Vibro Pilings 15n.
Mirsman Investments 0/-n.
Marsman (H.K.) .75n.
Shanghai Loan 1.80n.
Yangtsze 48½b, 5sa.

COTTONS
Ewos 0.40b, 0½sa.

RUBBER, Etc., COMPANIES
Alma Estate 15n.
Anglo-Dutch .30n.
Anglo-Javas 1n.
Batu Anams .28n.
Bute Plantations .40n.
Chemor United .20n.
Cheng Rubbers .10n.
Consolidated Rubbers 1n.
Dominion Rubbers 7n.
Langkats 1n.
Repah Rubbers .15n.
Rubber Trusts 8n.
Samanggan Rubbers .60b.
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Shanghai Kedahs 3½n.
Shanghai-Malays 12n.
Shanghai Pahang .25n.
Shanghai Sumatras 1n.
Sungei Durio 13½n.
Tanah Merahs .50n.
Telong Rubbers .20n.
Ziinkhe Rubbers 1n.

MONEY MARKET

Continuing the up-grade US dollars yesterday climbed to HK$6.44 after opening at $6.39½. At the close the rate was $6.43½. TT was put through from HK$6.40½ up to $6.50½.

Sterling was steady at HK$-14.07.

Australian pounds were unchanged at HK$12.45.

Piastres were again nominal at HK$13.30 a 100.

Ticals were unchanged at HK$-27 a 100.

NEI Guilders were higher at HK$22.70 a 100.

NY COTTON

New York, December 13.

Cotton futures were steady on mild buying and demand attracted to the new crop positions. Prices closed 55 cents a bale higher to 10 cents a bale lower.

December	30.21-22.
March	30.16-17.
May	30.00-30.02.
July	29.51.
October	27.03.
December	27.82.
Middling Spot	30.83 nominal.

Associated Press.

LONDON STOCKS

London, December 13.

British Government securities fell moderately today on an apathetic London Stock market. Declines ranged from 2/6d. to 7/6d. Industrials moved narrowly, many being unchanged. Dollar stocks were spotty.

Financial Times' index 104.9.—Associated Press.

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Andrea F. Luckenbach (Gourlie) American 4810 tons ex-New York .. A.1
Anhui (B & S) British 2080 tons ex-Singapore B.3
Barnimba (Manners) Panamanian 531 tons ex-Swatow ..... Yau.
Caroline Moller (Mollers) British 117 ex-Sea ..... LCK
City Of Coventry (Bank) British 4490 tons ex-Manila A.8
Cloverlock (Holly) British 535 tons
Dansborg (Eastern) Danish 2896 tons ex-Keelung A.14
Frosty Moller (Mollers) British 167 tons ex-Guam ..... KD
Hoichow (B & S) British 1808 tons ex-Kure ..... APC
Surat (Mac Mac) British 4867 tons ex-Singapore S. W.
Talisman (Dodwell) Norwegian 4056 tons ex-Hollo A.10
Toughal (Gilman) Swedish 3385 tons ex-Yokohama A.9
Van Heutsz (RIL) Dutch 2078 tons ex-Hollow A.5

TODAY

Hall (Gilman) ex-Europe
President Taft (APL) ex-San Francisco
Leneverett (Everett) ex-Manila
Tjibadak (RIL) ex-Java Ports

TOMORROW

Hanyang (B & S) ex-Bangkok
Montana (Dodwell) ex-Pacific Coast.
Ridderkerk (RIL) ex-Europe

Shipping Departures
YESTERDAY

Eastern Trader (Great Southern) for Tsingtau.
Contest (USL) for Okinawa
Leung Bee (Roland) for Swatow
Mui Nam (Chin Bean) for Singapore
Newchwang (B & S) for Tsingtao
Bandvike (Jebsen) for Hollow
Stanvac (SVO) for Palembang
Tong Kong (Shun Cheung) for Bangkok

TODAY

Armathia (Wallem) for Tokyo
Andrea F. Luckenbach (Gourlie) for Keelung
Changsha (B & S) for Yokohama
Hai Lee (Thoresen) for Singapore
Sing Hing (Tong Aik) for Amoy
Talisman (Thoresen) for Europe
Tomsk (Far East) for Darien

TOMORROW

Leise Maersk (Jebsen) for Atlantic Coast
President Taft (APL) for Pacific Coast
Tegelberg (RIL) for Japan
Soudan (Mac Mac) for Colombo
Soochow (B & S) for Sydney
Szechuen (B & S) for Indiko
Taiping (B & S) for Kure
Tjibadak (RIL) for Java Ports

Vessels In Port

A. F. Luckenbach (Gourlie) A.1
A. F. Luckenbach (Gourlie) ..
Alvanzovsky (Everett) ..... K. Bay
Aldan (Chauncl) ..... S.C.
Albatros (MM) ..... T.D.
Anhui (B & S) B.3
Armathia (Wallem) ..... K. Wht
American Transport (Jardine) .. A.12
Axel Salen (Mac Mac) A.7
Barnimba (Manners) ..... Yau
Benecruchan (Loxley) ..... K. Wh
Bengal (Gilman) A.4
Brown Ranger (NSO) Oil Fuel Jetty
Bust (Larsen) B.11
Caroline Moller (Mollers) ..... LCK
Changsha (B & S) A.6
Chengking (CMSN) ..... Yau
Chi Tung (Wallem) ..... Yau.
Chiao Jen (CMSN) ..... K.B
Chong Ya (Central S S) ..... Yau.
Chung Hsing (Chung Hsing) ..... Yau.
Chung 106 (CMSN) ..... Co's Wht.
City Of Coventry (Bank) A.8
Cloverlock (Holly) ..... Yau.
Colonial (Nolasco) ..... K. Bay
Colon (Colonial) ..... Yau.
Dah Han (Wallem) ..... S.S.Po
Dansborg (Eastern) A.14
Davikon (Yick Yuen) ..... T.K.
Dun Yu (CMSN) ..... Yau.
Eastern Venture (Metro) B.16
Elsie Moller (Mollers) ..... N.P.
Faith (Tieng Seng) ..... S.S. Po
Foo Ming (K. Hsiang) ..... Yhu.
Fook Wah (Tien Sung) ..... S.S. Po
Fort Charlotte (NSO) ..... RNY
Frosty Moller (Mollers) ..... KD
Green Ranger (NSO) ..... Yau.
Hai Au (Hua Sheng) ..... Yau.
Hai Kang (CMSN) B.17
Hai Nu (Hai Ying) ..... Yau.
Hai Hsia (CMSN) ..... S.S. Po
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Hai Ziang (Hua Sheng) ..... Yau
Hercules (Wallem) ..... Yau
Hing Chong (Wing Sung) ..... Yau.
Hewsang (Jardine) ..... L.C.K.
Hwah Lee (Wallem) ..... S.C.
Hunan (B & S) ..... Co. Wh.
Hung Cheng (CMSN) ..... Yau.
Islas Vesayas (Wallem) ..... Wys
Joseph S (Pure Cane) ..... Cosmo
King Hsing ..... Ymt.
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Lee Kung (Dodwell) B.21
Lee Che (Minginaug) ..... Ymt.
Marie Ekon (Gilman) ..... W.D.
Mei Ling (Boirs) ..... Yau.
Ming Chung ..... Yau.
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Ocean Pride (HK Ship) ..... S.C.
Pei Ming (Yee Tai Hong) ..... Yau.
Promise (Pattison) M.4
Pronto (Winly Co.) ..... Orme
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San Eduardo (Yuen Tung) ..... Yau.
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Szechuan (B & S) B.11
Tatah (Hsiang S/S) ..... Yau.
Tai Po Shan (Shun Cheong) .... S.C.
Taising (B & S) ..... KW
Talisman (Dodwell) A.10
Teh Hu (Teh Hu SS) ..... S.C.
Tjibesar (RIL) ..... T.D.
Tjikajapek (RIL) A.11
Tegelberg (RIL) ..... T.D.
Tomsk (Far East) A.13
Toughal (Gilman) A.9
Ting Yuan (Ming Sung) ..... S.C.
Tsai Fu (CMSN) ..... Yau
Tsinan (B & S) ..... T.C.
Valve (?) Tung On ..... Yau.
Valerius (RIL) ..... K.D.
Van Heutsz (RIL) A.5
Wah Chang (Yuen Tung) ..... Cosmo.
Wosang (Jardine) B.8
Yung Hsing (Cheng Heng) ..... Yau.
Yung Yao (King Tai) ..... S.C.

Vessels Due From SOUTH AFRICA

Tjisalak (Bank) ..... December 22
Boys (RIL) ..... January 7
Tjisadane (RIL) 7

AMERICA
ATLANTIC COAST

December
Christer Salen (Mar Mac) 10
Dona Anicota (Rama) 20
Herdis (Mac Mac) 22
Hurricane (Wallem) 27
Marchen Maersk (Jebsen) 20
Ocean Mail (Everett) 21
Pioneer Cove (USL) 21
Pres. Buchanan (APL) 19
Pres. Fillmore (APL) 25
Pres. Harding (APL) 26
Pres. Tyler (APL) 15
January
Arnold Maersk (Jebsen) 16
Alawai (Wallem) 10
Fernfield (Thoresen) 8
Fernhill (Thoresen) 27
Granville (Thoresen) 15
Halland (Rama) 26
Pres. Tyler (APL) 24
Menestheus (B & S) 2
Pioneer Mail (USL) 12
Javanese Prince (Jardine) 10
Heinholt (Wallem) 20
Sally Maersk (Jebsen) 5
Steel Age (Gilman) 8
Travancore (Rama) 1
Tudor (Dodwell) 12
February
Belleville (Thoresen) 10
Chinese Prince (Jardine) 4
Fernstream (Thoresen) 28
Steel Worker (Gilman) 1
March
British Prince (Jardine) 8
Ferndale (Thoresen) 21

PACIFIC COAST

December
Arizona (Dodwell) 21
Great Republic (USL) ex-Frisco .. 19
General Gordon (APL) ex-Frisco.. 23
Montana (Dodwell) 16
Oregon (Dodwell) 21
Philippine Transport (Jardine) 20
Pres. Madison (APL) ex-Frisco .. 30
Pres. Taft (APL) 15
Pres. Wilson (APL) ex-Frisco 17
Sunnyville (Bank) 28
Tradewind (USL) ex-Frisco 30
January
American Transport (Jardine) 27
Colorado (Dodwell) 5
Charles E Dant (Dodwell) 30
Franciscille (Bank) 21
China Transport (Jardine) 17
Kookaburra (Wallem) 9
Philippine Bear (USL) ex-Frisco .. 18
Pres. Cleveland (APL) ex-Frisco .. 19
Sea Serpent (USL) ex-Frisco 2
Serampore (E.A.) ..... Mid
Vingnes (Wallem) 20
Wyoming (Dodwell) 18
February
Pacific Transport (Jardine) 7

AUSTRALIA

December
Hindustan (Jardine) ex-Adelaide .. 20
Nanking (Mac Mac) ex-Sydney.. 28
January
Ruckinton (Jardine 20
Changte (B & S) 4
Calco (Dodwell) 14
Eucla in Soga (Jardine) ex-Melbour-
Nelbore (Mac Mac) ex-Sydney 8

CHINA

December
Changsang (Jardine) ex-Tsingtao .. 23
Chengking (B & S) exKeelung .. 19
Wingsang (Jardine ex-Keelung .. 19
Yochow (B & S) ex-Tientsin 20
January
Flying Arrow (Pattison) ex-Taku Bar 9

EUROPE

December
Hall (Gilman) 15
Canton (Mac Mac) ex-London 19
Dunblyshire (Jardine) 25
Doncallon (B &S) 21
Ridderkerk (RIL) 16
Tranquebar (E.A.) ..... End
January
Astyanax (B & S) ex-U.K. 1
Andre Lebon (M) ex-Marseilles.. 2
Benlomond (Loxley) 5
Benduran (Loxley) 18
Benreoch (Loxley) 24
Benpeleuch (Loxley) 13
Benvorlich (Loxley) 3
Beverackie (Loxley) 5
Calchas (B & S) ex-U.K. 10
Carthage (Mac Mac) ex-London .. 16
Elpenor (B & S), ex-U.K. 2
Epinal (MM) 25
Glenorchy (Jardine) 29
Genroy (Jardine) ex-U.K. 10
Mongolia (E.A.) ..... Mid
Somali (Mac Mac) ex-London 14
Sumatra (Gilman) 15
Tomar (Thoresen) 8
Teallus (B & S) ex-U.K. 9
February
Corfu (Mac Mac) ex-London 18
Glenartney (Jardine) 12
Glenearn (Jardine) 26
Kvernaas (E.A.) ..... End.
Morella (E.A.) ..... End.
Nazara (Gilman) 27
Tungus (Thoresen) 19

INDIA

December
Kutapan (Jardine) ex-Calcutta 13
Hirdhana (Mac Mac) ex-Calcutta .. 21
January
Purnea (Mac Mac) ex-Bombay 2
Shirala (Mac Mac) ex-Calcutta .. 15
Laudaura (Mac Mac) ex-Bombay End
Talrea (Mac Mac) ex-Calcutta 13
February
Towerrange (Mac Mac) ex-Bombay
Pundua (Mac Mac) ex-Bombay Early

JAPAN

December
Bradeverett (Everett) ex-Yokohama 10
Star Arcturus (Everett) 13
Tegelberg (RIL) 23
January
Ozarda (Mac Mac) 2
Ridderkerk (RIL) 5
Ruys (RIL) 5

SOUTH EAST PORTS

December
Bradeverett (Everett) ex-Manila .. 29
Foochow (B & S) ex-Singapore .. 18
Hanyang (B & S) ex-Bangkok 16
Leneverett (Everett) ex-Manila .. 15
Maud (B & S) ex-Sandakan 20-21
Ports 31
Pioneer Sea (USL) ex-Manila .. 20
Pioneer Tide (USL) ex-Manila .. 27
Ruys (RIL) ex-Manila 22
Tjibadak (RIL) ex-Java Ports 15
Tjitjalengka (RIL) ex-Java Ports .. 31
January
Brooklyn Heights (Pattison) ex-Manila 2
Pioneer Mail (USL) 28
Pioneer Cove (USL) ex-Manila .. 9
Pres. Cleveland (APL) ex-Manila .. 13
Pres. Tyler (APL) ex-Straits 24

SOUTH AMERICA

December
Ruys (RIL) 22
January
Tjisadane (RIL) 7

Sailings To
AFRICA

December
29 Tegelberg (RIL).
January
28 Tjikampek (RIL).
February
23 Ruys (RIL).

AUSTRALIA

December
16 Soochow (B & S) for Sydney and Melbourne.
24 Alsia (Dodwell).
January
8 Changsha (B & S) for Sydney.
16 Salern Glory (Jardine) for Sydney.
End. Nanking (Mac Mac).
February
12 Citos (Dodwell).

AMERICA
ATLANTIC COAST

December
16 Leise Maersk (Jebsen)
19 Mout Bakke (Mac Mac) for New York.
20 Mandeville (Thoresen).
21 Pioneer Sea (USL).
22 Dona Anicota (Rama).
23 Pres. Fillmore (APL).
29 Pioneer Tide (USL).
29 Trein Maersk (Jebsen).
End Irishank (Bank) for New York.
30 Steel Admiral (Gilman).
January
1 Ocean Mail (Everett).
5 Fernfield (Thoresen).
12 Pioneer Cove (USL).
12 Peter Maersk (Jebsen).
25 Meredith Victory (Gilman).
26 Pres. Tyler (APL) for New York.
30 Pioneer Mail (USL).
February
1 Queens Victory (Gilman).
14 Steel Architect (Gilman).

PACIFIC COAST

December
16 Pres. Taft (APL).
17 Montana (Dodwell).
17 Titania (Dodwell).
21 Tradewind (USL) for Frisco.
16 Pres. Wilson (APL) for Frisco.
20 Great Republic (USL) for Frisco.
22 Oregon (Dodwell).
24 General Gordon (APL) for Frisco
29 Bougainville (Bank) for Frisco.
30 Philippine Transport (Jardine) via Manila.
30 Steel Admiral (Gilman).
31 Pres. Madison (APL) for Frisco.
January
1 Arizona (Dodwell).
5 Brooklyn Heights (Pattison) for Frisco.
5 Sea Serpent (USL) for Frisco.
14 Flying Arrow (Pattison) for Frisco.
11 Philippine Bear (USL) for Frisco
10 Colorado (Dodwell).
Pres. Cleveland (APL) for Frisco.
17 China Transport (Jardine) via Japan.
25 Meredith Victory (Gilman) for Los Angeles.
Mid. Serampore (E.A.).
17 Trafalgar (Dodwell).
19 Wyoming (Dodwell).
25 Pres. Tyler (APL) for Los Angeles
28 America Transport (Jardine).
29 Sunnyville (Bank) for Los Angeles.
31 Charles E Dant (Dodwell).
February
1 Queens Victory (Gilman).
8 Pacific Transport (Jardine) via Keelung.
14 Steel Architect (Gilman).

CHINA

December
16 Szechuen (B & S) for Inchem.
16 Hunan (B & S) for Tientsin.
22 &30 Wingsang (Jardine) for Keelung
20 Shengking (B & S) for Keelung.
27 Chipsang (Jardine) for Tsingtao
January
5 Brooklyn Heights (Pattison) for Shanghai.

EUROPE

December
17 Koren (E.A.)
18 Talisman (Thoresen).
18 Benecruchan (Loxley) for London.
17 Soudan (Mac Mac).
20 Radnorshire (Jardine) for Port Said.
23 Canton (Mac Mac) for London.
24 Tamerlane (Thoresen).
24 Aytolycus (B & S) for Genoa.
24 Brest (MM).
30 Benlomond (Loxley).
January
Gen. Tranquebar (E.A.).
Early. BALI (Gilman).
2 Andre Lebon (MM).
2 City of Coventry (Bank) for Havre, Aden.
4 Glengyle (Jardine) for Aden, Port Said.
6 Menesthus (B & S).
7 Clytoneus (B & S) for Liverpool.
8 Benvorlich (Loxley) for Antwerp.
9 Ridderkerk (RIL).
11 Surat (Mac Mac) for Genoa, London.
21 Carthage (Mac Mac) for London
20 Benecruch (Loxley) for London.
20 Mortain (MM).
February
Tomar (Thoresen).
Dec. Mongolia (E.A.).
15 CDT. Dorise (MM).
17 Corfu (Mac Mac) for London.
18 Champollion (MM).
23 Le Marseillais (MM).
March
17 Canton (Mac Mac) for London.
April
14 Carthage (Mac Mac) for London.
May
12 Corfu (Mac Mac) for London.

INDIA

December
16 Soudan (Mac Mac) for Colombo.
January
4 Ozarda (Mac Mac) for Bombay.
21 Shirala (Mac Mac) for Calcutta.

JAPAN

December
15 Changsha (B & S) for Yokohama.
16 Tegelberg (RIL).
16 Taiping (B & S) for Kure.
20 Hanyang (B & S) for Kobe.
19 Hall (Gilman) for Kobe and Yokohama.
18 Pres. Wilson (PAL) for Kobe.
20 Foochow (B & S) for Yokohama.
20 Ridderkerk (RIL).
23 Sirdhana (Mac Mac).
25 Nordstjernan (Everett).
24 Ruys (RIL).
29 Hindustan (Jardine).
January
6 Purnea (Mac Mac).
7 Changte (B & S) for Kure.
9 Tjisadane (RIL).
14 Talfra (Mac Mac).
February
Early. Balachistan (Jardine).

SOUTH EAST PORTS

December
15 Hai Lee (Thoresen) for Singapore.
16 Tjibadak (RIL) for Java Ports.
17 Van Heutsz (RIL) for Singapore.
17 Leneverett (Everett) for Singapore.
17 Fenntjen (B & S) for Singapore.
18 Ahhai (B & S) for Singapore.
20 Pres. Tyler (APL) for Java.
19 Orion (M.M.) for Haiphong.
21 Bradeverett (Everett) for Manila.
23 Hangsang (Jardine) for Sandakan.
22 Pioneer Cove (USL) for Manila.
27 Sunnyville (Bank) for Singapore.
25 Star Arcturus (Everett) for Manila.
24 Hiram (Thoresen) for Bangkok.
26 Pakhoi (B & S) for Bangkok.
29 Tegelberg (RIL) for Manila.
31 Bradeverett (Everett) for Singapore.
January
1 Hai Meng (Thoresen) for Singapore.
2 Hipsang (Jardine) for Singapore.
5 Tjitjalengka (RIL) for Java Ports & Singapore.
8 Foochow (B & S) for Singapore.
9 Steel Age (Gilman) for Saigon.
14 Pioneer Mail (USL) for Manila.
25 Tjikampek (RIL) for Manila.
February
23 Ruys (RIL) for Manila.

SOUTH AMERICA

December
22 Tegelberg (RIL).
January
25 Tjikampek (RIL).
February
23 Ruys (RIL).

AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS
Arrivals
TODAY

CPA ex-Manila: 11.30 a.m.; ex-Saigon: 5.45 p.m.
PAA ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Wake, Tokyo, Okinawa: 1.45 p.m.
BOAC ex-Tokyo: 1.50 p.m.
HK AIRWAYS ex-Taipeh: 4.18 p.m.

TOMORROW

AIR FRANCE ex-Saigon: 1.15 p.m.
PAA ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Midway, Wake, Guam, Manila: 1.45 p.m.; ex-New York via London, Istanbul, Damascus, Karachi, Calcutta, Bangkok: 2.15 p.m.
POAS ex-Bangkok: 4 p.m.
BOAC ex-London, Bangkok: 4.40 p.m.
London, Bangkok: 4.40 p.m.
HK AIRWAYS ex-Taipeh: 3.15 p.m. and 4.18 p.m.

SATURDAY

CPA ex-Singapore via Bangkok: 8 a.m.
PAA ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Midway, Wake, Guam, Manila: 1.45 p.m.; ex-New York via London, Istanbul, Damascus, Karachi, Calcutta, Bangkok: 2.15 p.m.
PAL ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Manila: 10 a.m.
HK AIRWAYS ex-Taipeh: 3.15 p.m. and 4.18 p.m.

Departures
TODAY

PAA for New York via Bangkok, Calcutta, Karachi, Damascus, Istanbul, London: 2.15 p.m.
CPAL for Tokyo/Vancouver: 2.30 p.m.
HK AIRWAYS for Taipeh: 9 a.m.

TOMORROW

CPA for Singapore via Bangkok: 7.15 a.m.
PAA for New York via Bangkok, Calcutta, Karachi, Damascus, Istanbul, London: 2.30 p.m.; San Francisco via Manila, Guam, Wake, Midway, Honolulu: 4.30 p.m.; San Francisco via Okinawa, Tokyo, Wake, Honolulu: 4.30 p.m.
HK AIRWAYS for Taipeh: 8 a.m. and 9 a.m.
BRAATHENS for Bangkok, Oslo: 9 a.m.
BOAC for Bangkok/London: 7 a.m.

SATURDAY

AIR FRANCE for Hanoi, Saigon, Paris: 6.30 a.m.
CPA for Manila: 3.30 p.m.
PAA for San Francisco via Manila, Guam, Wake, Midway, Honolulu: 4.30 p.m.; San Francisco via Okinawa, Tokyo, Wake, Honolulu: 4.30 p.m.
PAL for San Francisco via Manila, Guam, Wake, Honolulu: 10 a.m.
HK AIRWAYS for Taipeh: 8 a.m. and 9 a.m.
BOAC for Singapore: 9 a.m.

POST OFFICE
MAIL NOTICE
Outward Mails

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GPO: (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15
Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Canada and USA, (Reg.) 10 a.m., (Ord.) 11 a.m.
Airmail for Okinawa and Tokyo, (Reg.) 1 p.m., (Ord.) 2 p.m.
Airmail for Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Basra, Cairo (Nairobi, Mombasa, Dares Salaam, Mauritius and Johannesburg, via Cairo), Rome and London, Kowloon CPO: (Reg.) 3.30 p.m., (Ord.) 4.30 p.m.; GPO: (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Airmail for Taipeh, (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea
Japan, 11 a.m.
Bangkok, 2 p.m.
Hoihow and Pakhoi via Hoihow, 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16
Closing Times by Air
Airmail for USA and Canada, (Reg.) 1 p.m., (Ord.) 2 p.m.
Airmail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, USA and Canada, (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Air Parcels Post for Manila, Honolulu and USA, (Kowloon CPO) 4 p.m., (GPO) 5 p.m.
Ordinary Airmail (printed matters, samples and small packet posts) for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and USA: (Kowloon CPO) 4 p.m., (GPO) 5 p.m.
Airmail or Singapore, Batavia, Sydney and Auckland, (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Airmail for Hanoi and Paris, (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Airmail for Taipeh, (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea
Formosa via Keelung, 10 a.m.
Australia and New Zealand via Sydney, (Par. and Reg.) 12 noon, (Ord.) 1 p.m.
Japan, 1 p.m.
Batavia, Sourabaya and Macassar, 2 p.m.
Korea via Inchon, 2 p.m.
Straits and Parcels only for Marseilles, 3 p.m.
Hoihow and Pakhoi via Hoihow, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17
Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) 10 a.m., (Ord.) 11 a.m.
Airmail for USA and Canada, (Reg.) 1 p.m., (Ord.) 2 p.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea
Parcels only for Canada via Vancouver BC, 10 a.m.

SHIP MOVEMENTS

San Francisco, December 13.
Ship arrivals: Tallyrand from Yokohama.

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December
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s.s. "WINGSANG" Keelung ..... 30th Dec.
s.s. "HINSANG" Singapore, Penang, Rangoon & Calcutta ..... 2nd Jan.

ARRIVALS FROM

s.s. "HANGSANG" Sandakan ..... 16th Dec.
s.s. "WINGSANG" Keelung & Takao ..... 19th Dec.
s.s. "CHUNGSANG" Tientsin & Tsingtao ..... 23rd Dec.
s.s. "KUTSANG" Calcutta, Straits & Saigon ... 28rd Dec.

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s.s. "EASTERN GLORY" Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, & FREMANTLE ..... 16th Jan.
s.s. "BALUCHISTAN" Japanese Ports! ..... Early Feb.

ARRIVALS FROM

m.v. "HINDUSTAN" Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney 26th Dec.
m.v. "EASTERN SAGA" Melbourne, Adelaide and Fremantle ..... 27th Jan.
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m.v. "GLENEARN"	21st Jan.	26th Feb.

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Perennial Rivals For "China Mail" Softball Shield Clash On Sunday

(By "GRANDSTAND")

The clash between the Wahoos and the Wildcats, perennial rivals for the "China Mail" Shield, at 2 p.m. on Sunday will highlight the week-end 10-game programme.

Several Senior League tilts are down for decision as Canadians cross bats with St. Teresas in tomorrow's curtain-raiser, and Jaguars tangle with Braves.

The USS Salisbury Sound will be engaged against Frank Cleary's Americans this week.

Most of the Junior League teams will be resting this week after having completed a nine-game first round stretch.

Rexes and Jaguars lock horns in the only minor loop scuffle, in which a victory for the former will earn them the envious title of being undefeated is one round.

Mike Lee's McTycirrans being unable to field a full team this week, have been granted a postponement against the Squaws, and the only junior women's game will be St. Teresas v. Clovers.

Entries for the International Series close today and a meeting of the General Council will take place tomorrow at Doc Molthen's Office, Shell House, to supervise the draw.

The first round will be played off on Monday, December 26.

The Selection Committee for Portugal elected at a meeting of interested parties on Tuesday, is as follows

Men's: Charlie Figuereido, Billy Soares, Rennie Sequiera.

Ladies: Philo Remedios, Misses Terry Noronha and Cynthia da Motta

Week-End Programme

The following is the week-end programme with Umpires and Scorers

Men's Senior League

Sunday: CBA Ground, 10.30 a.m. Baseballers v. Paks (Dick Chung, Bunty Neves, Fred Diesta; Rennie Barretto); 12.00 noon, St. Joseph's v. Cumbancheros (Skelly Razack, Dick Silva, Lichy Luz; Bernard Silva); 3.30 p.m., Jaguars v. Braves (Doc Molthen, R. Verlysen, A Thomas, Philo Remedios).

Recreio Football Ground, 10.30 a.m., Canadians v. St. Teresa's (Hal Winglee, Charlie Figuereido, Bill Silva; Philo Remedios); 12.00 noon, U.S. Navy v. Americans (Don Robbins, Herbie Quon, Bill Woo, Philo Remedios); 2.00 p.m., Madcaps v. Overseas (Bob Porter, Chapin, "Justice" Roberts; Eddie Loureiro); 3.30 p.m., Pandas v. Chung Hwa (Buster Hollands, Ren Sequiera, Johnnie Ho; Samet Samy).

Men's Junior League

Saturday: CBA Ground, 2.00 p.m., Rexes v. Jaguars (Philo Remedios, Bill Silva, Tony Kwok, Ed Loureiro).

Ladies' Senior League

Sunday: CBA Ground, 2.00 p.m., Wahoos v. Wildcats (Y. C. Mei, Bim Ablong, Frank Gonsales; Hal Winglee)

Ladies' Junior League

Saturday: CBA Ground, 3.30 p.m., St. Teresa's v. Clovers (Dan Izzatt, Lionel Sequiera, Samet Samy, Hal Winglee).

Batting Statistics

The following are the latest batting statistics

Men's Senior League
(Compiled by Philo Remedios)

	AB	H	Pctg
Billy Soares	22	9	.409
C. M. Tsang	22	9	.409
Y. F. Yin	20	8	.400
Ren. Sequiera	33	13	.394
I. Eriksen	23	9	.391
Baker	26	10	.384
Herb Quon	34	13	.382
Jnr Markar	27	10	.371
K. Hyndman	22	8	.364
H. Ayres	25	9	.360

George Souza of St. Joseph's went to bat only 18 official times to register 10 hits for a .556 average which is not listed as the "times at bat" is under the official minimum of 20.

Men's Junior League
(Compiled by Bimbb Ablong)

L. T. Cheng	26	13	.500
Eddie Remedios	36	18	.500
Bob Hearther	36	17	.472
Hoon Ho	20	8	.400
Man. Guterres	32	12	.375
Ant. Guterres	30	11	.367
F. Remedios	32	11	.344
Bob Blackstone	24	8	.333
Harold Ong	33	11	.333
Frank Vas	25	8	.320
Pete McRae	35	11	.314
Ed Loureiro	29	9	.310

League Standings To Date

Men's Senior League	Won	Lost	Pctg
St. Joseph's	6	0	1.000
Braves	6	1	.857
U.S. Navy	6	2	.750
St. Teresa	5	2	.714
Canadians	5	3	.675
Madcaps	5	3	.675
Pandas	5	3	.675
Americans	4	3	.571
Overseas	4	3	.571
Jaguars	3	3	.500
Paks	4	5	.444
Chung Hwa	3	5	.375
Dare-devils	1	7	.125
Cumbancheros	0	8	.000
Baseballers	0	9	.000

Men's Junior League			
Rexes	8	0	1.000
B. Hawks	7	2	.778
Jaguars	6	2	.750
Braves	5	4	.555
Overseas	5	4	.556
Spartans	5	4	.556
Aces	3	6	.333
Griffins	3	6	.333
Pandas	2	6	.250
Delwares	0	8	.000

Ladies Senior League			
Wahoos	3	1	.750
Canadians	3	2	.600
Wildcat	2	2	.500
Pirates	1	4	.200

Ladies Junior League			
St. Teresa	3	1	.750
White Fangs	3	1	.750
Squaws	2	1	.667
Clovers	1	3	.250
McTycirrans	0	3	.000

"HOLE-IN-ONE" AT FANLING

Yet another name has to be added to the "Hole-in-One" Decanter. The distinction goes to Mr. C. E. Hayes who did the 12th hole on the Old Course at Fanling in one on Monday last December 12

HKFC SOCCER TEAMS

The following will represent the Club in a league match against St. Joseph on Saturday December 17 at the Club ground kick off 4 p.m.

Peter Roberts, Barker Mullens, Eddy Li, Stearns, Barclay Watson, Hardcastle, Mann, Buck Lee.

The League soccer match between the Royal Navy the following have been chosen to represent Combined Services XI.

Messrs. E. Strange (Manager), Parker, Partridge, Cunningham, Bosen, Baker, Price.

Kick off 2.30 p.m. on the Navy ground, Happy Valley, Sunday December 18.

AMERICAN SYSTEM OF JUDGING RACE RESULTS URGED

York, December 13.

British horse race officials were urged by the Aga Khan today to adopt the American system of [illegible] all their photo finishes, which had resulted in many disputed decisions during the past season.

On the medical advice the Aga Khan was unable to be present as guest of honour at the Grand Club dinner given annually to the leading English race horse owner. His speech was read for him by the Club chairman.

The Aga Khan believed that the American photo finish which had two lines instead of one was the fairest method. He said when it was a question of inches the two lines should come in giving a fair and just decision in the matter. —United Press.

R. Smith won the Prison Officers' Club's Open Snooker Championship when he beat C. Hampton by 162 points to 110 points last night.

In the semi-final Smith registered 124 points against Dr G. I. Shaw's 74.

Shatlanders beat St. John's by 7-2 in a Men's Doubles "C" (Section 1) badminton league match at St. John's Cathedral last night.

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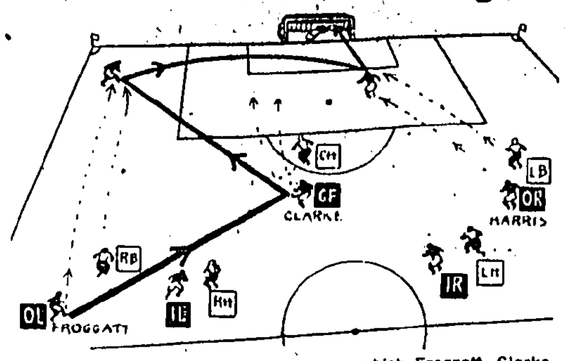

Billy Steel puts forward a move which Froggatt, Clarke and Harris of Portsmouth have perfected.
The move: Froggatt passes to Clarke and then sprints down the wing, to receive the return pass. Harris anticipates the movement, starts into position; and when Froggatt centres, runs in and heads the ball for goal.
The essence of the whole movement is speed.

Britain's Year Of Achievement In Sport

(By C. D. CURRAN)

The year 1949 has, on the whole, been a year of great achievement in sport for Britain. In a period which saw an intensified international challenge, United Kingdom athletes, sportsmen and sportswomen, set up many new records and gave the most encouraging all-round display of the post-war years.

Championship accomplishments were witnessed in widely varied sports: in middle distance track running and hurdling; in women's sprinting, professional boxing, flat racing, football, cycling and speedway motor-cycle racing; in archery, women's lacrosse and finally in swimming.

Here are the details of the feats that placed some of Britain's sportsmen and sportswomen in the forefront of national attention:—

W. Nankeville's record-breaking race over one mile in 4 minutes 6.8 seconds, in the Amateur Athletic Association championships at the White City, London, last July, will long be remembered.

Apart from the fact that this performance brought the title to this 24-year-old athlete, it was the fastest time recorded over the distance in the world during the year.

Nankeville went on to fresh triumph two months later when, at Brussels, he defeated Olympic champion Gaston Reiff over 1,000 metres. It was the sensation of the meeting, and Nankeville's time of 2 minutes 24.6 seconds was a new Belgian all-comers' record.

Eleven New Records

In all, 11 new native records were set up by Englishmen athletes in 1949, the largest number ever to be ratified in one year.

Sylvia Cheeseman and Dorothy Manley, who both revealed an impressive turn of speed in the Olympics in 1948, have been seen in several club, national and international tournaments.

In the Women's AAA championships in July, Sylvia Cheeseman won the 100 metres in 12.1 seconds, which equalled the championship best. Miss Manley was scarcely a yard behind.

A few weeks later, Miss Cheeseman finished second to F. Dillema of Holland over 200 metres in an international contest, and in so doing recorded a United Kingdom native record time of 24.8 seconds.

Biggest surprise of the boxing season was the quick defeat of the British Empire middleweight champion, 30-year-old Dick Turpin, of Leamington, by Dave Sands of Australia.

The contest lasted exactly 2 minutes 45 seconds and the fight ended with Turpin crouched on his hands and knees, exhausted, as the referee dramatically counted him out.

On this display, Sands will be a formidable challenger for world honours in the middleweight division.

Equally exciting—but over a much longer period—was the meeting between Rinty Monaghan, of Belfast, and Terry Allen, of London. It was a world championship fight in which Allen had much to win.

The Irishman's four titles were at stake—World, European, British and Empire flyweight championships—and the verdict at the end of 15 rounds of a draw showed how narrowly Allen failed in his purpose.

20 Years A Champion

The championship ability, on the other hand, of jockey Gordon Richards is unmistakable and unchallenged. Since he started riding in flat racing in 1920, he has headed the list of winning jockeys on 22 occasions.

Up to the end of the 1948 season, he had been on a total of 3,705 winning mounts, and was again champion for the 21st time.

In 1949, he is again the most successful jockey, a record that is unequalled in the history of the turf in Britain.

England's football captain and Wolverhampton Wanderers wing half-back, Billy Wright, has been the inspiration of his side, whether in club or international games.

He has shrewd ball control, a quick grasp of any weakness in the opposing defence, and a strong tackler when the occasion arises.

Wright joined Wolverhampton in 1939 when he was only 15 years of age. At 24 he was the youngest captain England ever had. And so far he has played in all the 25 official post-war internationals.

In the 1948/49 season he helped his team to win the Football Association Cup, and this season his outstanding ability is keeping Wolverhampton among the leaders of the First Division points table.

In cycling, the names of two United Kingdom riders automatically come to mind. Reg Harris was winner in Holland of the world's professional title, and Sydney Patterson gained the world's amateur championship at the same time.

In motor-cycle speedway racing, the triumph of Tommy Price last September at Wembley Stadium in the world's speedway championship was a brilliant performance.

New World's Record

New holder of the women's world archery title, 20-year-old Barbara Waterhouse, only began practising this sport 18 months ago. In winning the championship, she set up a new world's record with a score of 2,608 points, after four days in which she matched her skill against entries from Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Finland, France, Norway, Poland, Sweden and the United States.

The 15 women members of the All-England lacrosse team that visited the United States early in 1949 had one of the most successful tours on record. Within the first few days of their arrival they beat representative American teams in New York, Boston, Westchester and Philadelphia. They won all their matches, scoring 134 goals against eight.

The extraordinary feat of the 16-year-old English schoolboy, Philip Mickman, in swimming the English Channel, was perhaps the greatest accomplishment of the year. He was the first to perform this feat this year, and the youngest on record. He stayed in the water for more than 22 hours without showing any sign of distress.

WORLD COURT TENNIS TITLE

New York, December 13.

Pierce Etchesbaster, the 50-year-old Frenchman, defended his world court tennis title for the fifth time here and beat Ogden Phipps, of New York City, 6-0 6-2, 6-0, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2 and 6-3 in a best of 13 sets encounter.

Etchesbaster first won the title in 1928 from C.F. Covey, of London. Twice previously he had beaten Phipps in challenge matches and last year he was successful when Jimmy Dear, of England, challenged him.—Reuter.

CLUB "B" WIN RUGGER GAME

In a friendly rugger match on the Club Ground yesterday afternoon Club "B" beat 24 Lt. AA Regt. RA by five points to nil.

KCC Cricket Teams

The following are the Kowloon Cricket Club cricket teams for the week-end:

1st XI (League) against Craigengower Cricket Club at Happy Valley on Saturday, December 17, commencing at 1.45 p.m. Players are requested to meet at the Star Ferry, Hong Kong side, at 1.30 p.m.

R.E. Lee, W.H. Colledge, W.M. Davidson, F.R. Kermani, J. Leriou, C. P. Smith, A. Zimmern, F.R. Zimmern, V.C. Bond, E.C. Bond, E.C. Fincher and N. Hart Baker.

Umpire—A.G.B. Carnell.

Scorer—J.P. Robinson.

2nd XI (Friendly) against Indian Recreation Club at KCC on Saturday, December 17, commencing at 1.45 p.m.

S.A. Gray (Capt.), J. Chubb, F. A. Broadbridge, E. A. Lee, D. G. White, E. Guest, R. G. Labrum, E. Randall, M. A. Freeman, G. R. Rosselet and R. N. Manley.

Reserve—A.J. Wood.

2nd XI (Friendly) against Hq. RA 40th Division at KCC on Sunday, December 18, commencing at 1.45 p.m.

F.E. Lawrence (Capt.), A.J. Wood, V.C. Seymour, J. Leriou, A. Weir, D.G. White, W.H. Cowle, N. Hart Baker, F.R Kermani, C.G. March and S.D. Cozens.

POLO AND HUNT CLUB MEET ON SUNDAY

The next meet of the Hong Kong Polo and Hunt Club will be held at Mollers Stables (Sacred Hill) on Sunday, December 18, at 11.30 a.m.

Members wishing to be allotted a pony for the hunt, are requested to advise the Honorary Secretary as soon as possible.

The following hunts will take place over Christmas and early in the New Year:—

Sunday, December 26 (Boxing Day). Sunday, January 6.

Details of these meets as well as future Hunting Appointments will be announced later.

INTER-HONG CRICKET

The following will represent the Hong Kong Bank in an Inter-Hong cricket match against Jardines at the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground on Sunday, December 18, at 11 a.m.

F. C. B. Black, R. E. Cull, R. C. Gairdner, R. B. Gotch, G. N. B. Haynes, R. D. Hooper, P. E. Hutson, F. J. Knightly, R. E. H. Nelson, A. L. Smith and M. W. Turner.

The following team will represent Jardines in an Inter-Hong cricket match against the Hong Kong Bank on Sunday, December 18, at 11.00 a.m. at the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground.

H.D.M. Barton, D.I. Bosanquet, C. Barclay, C.L.C. Blott, N.D. Booker, J.B. Hawthorn, I.M. Hutchison, G.M. Mills, A.L. Ricketts, J.V. Sellors and S.A. Tremlett.

12th man: T.T. Harley.

RECREIO 2nd XI

The following will represent the Club de Recreio 2nd XI in a League Match against the Royal Navy at Home on Saturday, December 17:

A. E. Noronha, (Captain), E. A. R. Alves, C. A. Guterres, A. R. Osmund, D. E. Remedios, R. A. Remedios, C. D. A. Remedios, A. A. Remedios, jnr., C. A. Yvanovich, E. J. Noronha, D. M. Rodrigues.

CRAIGENGOWER XI

The following have been selected to represent the Craigengower Cricket Club in a League match against the Kowloon Cricket Club at home, on Saturday, December 17.

G. A. Souza, G. Hong Choy, P. J. Billimoria, M. J. Divecha, K. M. Rumjahn, P. R. Ragi, K. Y. Tam, A. H. Ismail, T. Crabtree, D. Readman and C. R. Iranco.

H. Greenslade (12th man), G. S. Ladd (Umpire).

HKCC "SCORPIONS"

The following will represent HKCC "Scorpions" in their League cricket match against the Royal Navy on Saturday at King's Park, commencing at 1.45 p.m.

D.F. Stakes, O.J. Kerr, T.A. Pearce, H. Owen Hughes, H.M. Newton, R.S.L. Silliott, F. Cull, F. Howarth, A.P. Weir, J.G. McFarlane and A.N. Other.

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SUNDERLAND TIPPED TO BEAT LIVERPOOL

(By 'ALBION')

Liverpool's unexpected defeat at the hands of Huddersfield last week could have made the position at the top of Division I most intriguing. However, Manchester United, Arsenal and Burnley all went down to their opponents, so it remains, as you were.

Wolves could only extract a point from lowly Bolton at Moleneaux Park to keep in third place.

Liverpool this week go to Roker Park and will be hard pressed to obtain a point from a vastly improved Sunderland. Yes, I shall not be the least surprised to see the Home team to emerge victors.

The Manchester United—Derby County clash looks most interesting. The Latter's fine win over Charlton at the Valley last week would suggest that they might have at last run into something like their normal form. I think a draw will be the likely result from their game with United.

Pompey entertain Newcastle at Fratton Park on Saturday and, after beating Arsenal last week, look a pretty safe Home bet. A win for Portsmouth will put them well in the running for League honours.

Burnley have Arsenal as their guests on Saturday and, judging the form of both teams this season, a draw looks inevitable.

Obvious Weakness

In Division II, Hull City who took a 4-0 thrashing from Sheffield United will, I fear, have to tend to an obvious weakness in defence if they have any ambitions of attaining Division I status next season.

This week they go to Bury—always a hard nut to crack on their own ground—and will have to close that defensive gap if they wish to take a point.

Spurs, who now command a comfortable nine point lead over their nearest rivals, Sheffield Wednesday, have their London neighbours Brentford as visitors to White Hart Lane on Saturday.

Brentford, I feel, have not enough heavy guns to stop the seemingly unbeatable Tottenham side and a Home win seems a foregone conclusion to the result of the game.

Formidable Combination

The Southend—Notts County match would seem to provide the 'tit bit' in the Southern Division of League III. Southend won on the last occasion they met on the 'mud,' but this season we find in the County quite a formidable combination with that prince of centre-forwards, Tommy Lawton, always menacing the opposition with his football craft.

Doncaster, the leaders in the Northern Division, have an easy game against the lowly Bradford City team and both points should be nicely tucked away in the bag.

Rochdale, now running second in this Division, go to Gateshead on this occasion and I think will find points not so easy to come by. Gateshead should win.

Forecast

Forecast for matches to be played on Saturday December 17.

DIVISION I

ASTON VILLA v Man. City
Burnley v Arsenal
CHARLTON v West Brom
CHELSEA v Birmingham
Everton v Middlesboro
HUDDERSFIELD v Blackpool
Man. U. v Derby
PORTSMOUTH v Newcastle
STOKE v Bolton
SUNDERLAND v Liverpool
WOLVES v Fulham

DIVISION II

BRADFORD v Plymouth
BURY v Hull C.
Cardiff v BLACKBURN
CHESTERFIELD v Barnsley
Grimsby v SOUTHAMPTON
Leicester v SHEFFIELD W.
PRESTON v Swansea
QUEENS P.R. v Leeds
SHEFFIELD U. v Coventry
SPURS v Brentford
WEST HAM v Luton

DIVISION III (SOUTH)

Aldershot v WALSALL
BOURNEMOUTH v Ipswich
BRISTOL R. v Port Vale
PALACE v Exeter
NORTHAMPTON v Bristol C.
NORWICH v Newport
Reading v Swindon
Southend v NOTTS C.
TORQUAY v Millwall
WATFORD v Leyton
NOTTS F. v Brighton

DIVISION III (NORTH)

ACCRINGTON v Carlisle
DARLINGTON v New Brighton
DONCASTER v Bradford C.
GATESHEAD v Rochdale
Hartlepools v Halifax
MANSFIELD v Southport
OLDHAM v Lincoln
STOCKPORT v Chester
Tranmere v CREWE
Wrexham v ROTHERHAM
York v Barrow

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Twelfth Race Meeting

Saturday — 17th December, 1949.

There are eight races, the First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through Tickets (8 Races—$16) May be obtained at the Office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Cash Sweep on the last race as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pearce Memorial Cup" (over 100,000 tickets sold to date) to be run at the Annual Race Meeting in January, 1950. Cash Sweep tickets on the last race and those for the "Peace Memorial Cup" may be purchased also at the Club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $10 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Compradore Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is $3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and payable at the Gate.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB DURING THE RACE MEETING.

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SERVANTS' PASSES.

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

BY ORDER,
E. A. SLEAP,
Secretary.